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Dear Dr. Truzzi:

I am now working full time at the FRNM. Richard Broughton will be joining us in April.

Enclosed is the notice for the change of address.

Regarding your comment "...I wonder about your rather harsh comment on Hyman & Vogt ignoring the experimental literature when I think they tried to review it all." I have just rechecked Water Witching USA, and I cannot conclude that they conscientiously reviewed the experimental literature. The reasons are as follows: (citations refer to my paper)

A. The work by Cadoret (1955) was not mentioned.

B. The work done with Henry Gross by Rhine(1950) was not entirely successful; however, Rhine (1952) did not consider it a complete failure and indicated that ESP might be operating during the testing. Even if Vogt and Hyman do not agree with this, they do have a responsibility to say why.

C. The work of Tromp (1949) and partial replication by Gallay (in Roberts, 1953) received no comment (as far as I could find--there is no index in the book)

D. The work by Dale et al. (1951) was cited as an excellent experiment. I do not consider it a good experiment (but it should be added that this can only be considered an unsuccessful pilot). If it had obtained positive results, I wouldn't have been impressed (and I doubt if Vogt and Hyman would have been either).

E. Levinson (1959) also agrees with my evaluation.

Admittedly Water Witching USA was a popular treatment of their work. However their later work (e.g. Hyman & Vogt, 1968) does nothing to remedy these shortcomings.

I do have high regard for Dr. Hyman's ability as a critical reviewer. I have not heard anything from him regarding the paper. If he does have any criticisms, I would be most interested.

Regards,
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Dear Marcello:

Would you be interested in publishing a bibliography on random number generators and randomness tests? Ray Hyman has indicated that perhaps Schmidt's results can be explained by RNG biases which have not yet been detected. I do not feel qualified to write an article on the topic, but I think a much more extensive consideration of this issue is due.

If you would like to publish such a bibliography, do you know when it might appear?

I have no comment from Ray concerning the dowsing paper I sent him, and I have heard nothing from the SPR as to when they might publish it. I am hoping the neospiritualists don't gain control of that organization.

Regards,

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Dear Marcello:

It was good to see you at the PA.

You had mentioned that you were collecting references concerning government activity in psi research. Lt. James D. Bray of the Naval Postgraduate School did a survey of parapsychologists and wrote a thesis on parapsychology for a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs. I got a partial copy of it from Bob Morris.

In my letter to you of 18 Feb 80 I mentioned that some of F. W. Cope's work was supported by the Office of Naval Research (I don't recall seeing these listed in your random bibs)

I will suspend my judgement of Randi until I see what he says in print.

Regards,

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Dear Marcello,

There was a poster paper at the PA on the CIA. All the poster papers were "lifted" before I got a chance to see it. The paper was not done by Bray according to the PA schedule.

The last address I have for Bray is: Lt. James D. Bray, USN Weapons Officer, USS Truett (FF-1095), FPO New York, NY 09501.

I don't have an address immediately available for Cope. If I find one I will let you know.

I have nothing additional on Randi's alleged misconduct. You did partially confirm a very small portion of it when you mentioned the art.

I hope ZS will be out soon.

Regards,

George

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January 15, 1982

Ms. Elizabeth Voisin
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Dear Ms. Voisin:

Thank you very much for the time you spent Wednesday, January 13 talking with me on the phone about your visit to Mr. Charles Honorton's Psychophysical Research Laboratory.

I have summarized your comments below. Please let me know if my summary is accurate or if there is anything you wish to add. I plan to eventually send a copy of this letter to both Mr. Randi and Mr. Honorton. I have included a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your reply. If you wish, please feel free to call me collect.

You and your colleague, Laura Sanders, visited Mr. Honorton's laboratory over six months ago. During that visit you participated in an experiment in which she was a "sender" and you were a "receiver." You were both in different rooms with other people. Ms. Sanders was given a picture to try to send to you. She was not given any choice in the selection of the picture.

You were in anohter room with another experimenter. During the time you were trying to receive the image of the picture, the experimenter left you alone and went out of the room. You mentioned that this seemed suspicious, and that she could have gone to see what target picture was being "sent."

Toward the end of the experiment you were presented with several different pictures. One of them had sunlight shining through trees; it was a quite attractive picture. This is the one you felt was being sent. The experimenter with you tried to pressure you to select that particular picture; you mentioned that you felt as if you were being "buffaloed." Because of this you selected a different picture.

At the end of the experiment you noticed that the experimenter was recording the experiment in a log book. You asked about this but were given an unsatisfactory reply. This seemed suspicious because you had been put through an abbreviated procedure because you had arrived late in the afternoon. You felt that this shouldn't be part of a formal experiment.

After your visit, you spoke with a physics professor who suggested that you contact Mr. James Randi. Mr. Randi showed you a TV clip with a demonstration from Mr. Honorton's laboratory. It used the same picture as a target as the one one used in your session. This further raised your suspicions.

Your suspicions are most reasonable and understandable. I have never visited Mr. Honorton's laboratory and have met him only briefly several times. However, he and his staff have a very good reputation within the field of parapsychology. I don't know with 100% certainty what happened on your visit, but I have conducted and participated in similar experiments myself. The following comments might explain what you observed.

In parapsychology experiments, the sender is not allowed to select the picture he is to send. This is usually determined by a random process such as throwing a die or generating a random number on calculator or computer. If the sender were allowed to choose it himself, he and the receiver could agree beforehand what type picture would be selected. This would allow possible cheating by the sender and receiver.

It is reasonably likely that a special set of pictures is used during demonstration sessions. We at the Institute for Parapsychology keep such sets so they don't get mixed in with those for formal experiments.

My own personal set has only six drawings so it is reasonably likely that the same one may be selected in different sessions. This might explain why the target picture you had was the same one as on the TV clip. (I do have a collection of several hundred pictures that I use for formal experiments.)

In formal experiments, the experimenter might sometimes leave the room of the receiver. This is usually done if the receiver seems uncomfortable in his presence. This is usually discussed before the session begins however. If this was a demonstration trial, they may have been a little lax in informing you of what to expect. In any event you should have been given an explanation.

In formal experiments, frequently "judges" are used to match the receiver's description with the various pictures. If you drew any sketches or told the experimenter about your impressions, she may have tried to use the information to select the picture. It is quite common for other people, "judges", to use the receiver's descriptions to pick the picture. Judges often do this considerably better than the receiver himself. However, I know of no formal experiment where the experimenter tries to persuade the receiver to pick a particular picture. This would be extremely poor practice. It is understandable that in informal testing that this might be done if you had verbalized your impressions. In any event you should have been given an explanation.

It is not uncommon to keep records of all trials conducted, even inforaml ones. However, for valid experiments, it must be decided in advance whether a particular session is going to count on the experiment. You certainly should have been told why they were recording the results.

I am looking forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,

George P. Hansen

George P. Hansen
Research Fellow

Dear Mr. Hansen:

By this time, you have received copies of the two articles I wrote. The one on PRL was published nearly a year ago, so I hope that my recollection is accurate.

Not being a scientist, I didn't really "suspect" anything. Rather, certain things, which you have accurately restated, struck me as odd.

When I talked to Randi about them, he supported or enlarged my doubts.

Your explanation sounds as plausible as

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February 23, 1982

MEMO TO: Mr. James Randi
Mr. Charles Honorton
Dr. Marcello Truzzi
Ms. Elizabeth Voisin
Ms. Nancy Sondow

FROM: George P. Hansen

At the PA convention in Syracuse in August, Mr. Randi told me that he had talked with two reporters that had visited the Psychophysical Research Laboratories (PRL) and had observed a number of very suspicious things. At that time Mr. Randi implied that the integrity of Mr. Honorton was in very serious question.

I wrote to Mr. Randi on September 4, 1981 asking to know what else he might find from the reporters. He replied to me in a letter dated December 27, 1981 suggesting that I contact Ms. Elizabeth Voisin myself. Again in that letter he clearly implied that the integrity of the staff of the PRL was in serious doubt.

I called Ms. Voisin on January 13, 1982 and talked with her at some length and then sent her a letter summarizing our conversation. A copy of this letter and her reply are enclosed.

I then sent a copy of the letter to Ms. Voisin and her reply to Mr. Honorton for his comments.

Mr. Honorton and Ms. Nancy Sondow replied to my letter and made the following points:

(1) The target picture was randomly selected by Mr. Honorton using a pseudo random function on a TI programmable calculator.

(2) At the time of the demonstration, there were 16 pictures in the pool from which the target was selected.

(3) Inthe PRL ganzfeld experiments, it is usual practice for the experimenter to leave the room of the percipient.

(4) Ms. Sondow recorded the mentation report of Ms. Voisin (I have a copy of the report).

(5) Ms. Sondow did review the mentation report with Ms. Voisin and pointed out similarities with the various pictures in the judging pool. This is usual PRL procedure and is done to refresh the memory of the percipient. Ms. Sondow did not act as a judge. (Based on the mentation report, it appears that there were a number of correspondences to the correct target, the forest scene).

(6) Ms. Sondow was not aware as to which picture was the actual target.

(7) Ms. Sondow did record Ms. Voisin's ranking of the pictures.

(8) There was no formal ganzfeld experiment underway at the PRL at the time of the demonstration.

(9) Two days after Ms. Voisin's visit, a CBS film crew visited the lab for filming a pilot ganzfeld session. The target that was chosen was again the forest scene. The chance of this happening was 1 in 16.

Both Mr. Honorton and Ms. Sondow are well known and highly respected researchers in the field of parapsychology. Both have published important papers. Their integrity has not been previously questioned.

The procedures described by Mr. Honorton and Ms. Sondow are typical of those used in parapsychological experimentation and there is no basis for any suspicion.

Based on my inquiries, I must conclude the following:

1) Randi did not make up the story he told me at the PA convention.

2) Randi did slightly embellish the story (I did not tape our conversation, so I can't prove it). All things considered, his additions are not highly significant, and it would be unfair to accuse him of lying on this matter.

3) Randi did unjustifiably enlarge the suspicions of Ms. Voisin.

4) Randi did repeat Ms. Voisin's story without checking with Mr. Honorton.

5) Randi has stated orally and in writing (in a letter to me) that there is strong reason to suspect the integrity of the staff of the PRL.

6) Randi delayed answering my letter of inquiry (September 4, 1981) until December 27, 1981. I hope he did not continue to impugn the integrity of the PRL during that time.

Because Randi is in such a prominent position, he has a large responsibility to check facts before attacking the reputation of people highly regarded in the field of parapsychology.

I hope this report resolves the questions raised. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything you feel is unfair or needs to be added for clarification.

G.P.H.

Enclosures: Letter Hansen to Voisin, Jan. 15, 1982.

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Dear Marcello:

I am rewriting my SERPA paper to include a section reviewing recent work with macro-PK on targets in sealed containers. There is a significant amount continuing today. The Maclab and Hasted (I think) are pursuing such lines of research. The overall length of the paper will be about the same as before.

I think that I could find a number of people (favorable to psi) interested in commenting on my paper, but I don't know about the critics. Perhaps comments by the proponents might entice the critics. What do you think?

I expect to have the revised version to you in several weeks.

I heard a rumor (probably third or fourth hand) that you are working on a book with McCrae and are going to get 10-15% of the take. If so, what kind of book is it going to be?

Best,

George

George P. Hansen
Research Fellow

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17 March 1982

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Dear Marcello:

I am writing to Randi and Brian Millar because they have both prepared metal specimens in sealed tubes. I have revised my paper (it is still about the same length) to include a brief review of the literature on the topic. There seems to be a reporting bias and I think I should briefly mention the failed attempts with psychics reputed to have such abilities. I will ask both Randi and Millar about traps that might be used to catch a cheat.

Some time ago I wrote to the Psychic Entertainers Association but never got a response. Do you think it likely that they would want to cooperate with parapsychologists?

E. H. Walker mentioned to me that you had done some remote viewing at the PA convention in Moraga, California. Was this just one trial or a series? I am doing a literature review on the topic and would like to collect all available unpublished material on the topic.

Beloff has just written that my dowsing paper is to be published in the October number of the JSPR. (this is 3 years after original submission).

Has Randi made any comment to you concerning my response to his allegations regarding Honorton's lab? I haven't heard a thing from him about it.

Regards,

George

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An Independent Scientific Review of Claims of Anomalies and the Paranormal

Marcello Truzzi, *Editor*

March 20, 1982

Dear George,

1) I look forward to the eventual receipt of your revised piece for ZS. What you describe sounds good.
2) The Psychic Entertainers Association contact person is me. I will be going to the meeting of the PEA in Boston at the end of May and will bring matters up again. The PEA welcomes a liaison, but I can not get the PA to agree in any formal fashion on this. I brought the matter to the PA when we all met in California three years ago. What we need is a liaison from the PA like Arthur Hastings, someone who is eligible for the PEA and also a full PA member. Hastings expressed interest but failed to follow up on matters. If you are going to be at the PA meeting in Cambridge, we should talk about this then. There are numerous problems on both sides. (I presume you know that I and Ray Hyman are both PEA members. I also wonder if you realize that Randi is viewed as an enemy by most PEA members.)

3) My and Ray Human's little remote viewing attempt in California was just a little informal trial with negative results (although there is a funny aspect to it in that we were supposed to be sighting in on Brenda Dunne and I "saw" a bumblebee when Ray was being bothered by a wasp during his attempt elsewhere). In no way was this an experiment. However, Ray Hyman has done a formal remote viewing experiment with another person and this may eventually get published. Ray found negative results but his collaborator may disagree. I recently tried a pilot remote viewing experiment with some of my students. Qualitatively poor results (no striking hits) but the data is still being judged for quantitative merits.

4) Re the above, Bill Broughton recently mentioned (on a TV program with me) that there were like 26 replications of the remote viewing studies. I find that high figure hard to believe. What figure do you have?

5) Glad to hear your dowsing piece will finally be coming out in the JSPR. I look forward to seeing it in print. Did you ever get things ironed out with Hyman and his criticisms of your paper?

6) Randi has made no comment to me about your stuff on the Honorton lab statements. I know that Randi is often travelling and gets a backlog of correspondence he has to catch up on.

Best,

Marcello

Marcello Truzzi

P.S. I enclose an application for CSAR you might like to affiliate w

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01 April 1982

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Dear Marcello:

My revisions for the ZS article are progressing.

Why is Randi viewed as an enemy by most PEA members?

I do have a copy of the Hyman-McClenon remote viewing report. It was well done. McClenon did signficantly predict the target site numbers.

If any of your student reports on remote viewing are available. I would be interested in getting copies. We would be quite happy to pay for postage and copying costs.

Before Richard Broughton's TV appearance with you, I briefed him on the remote viewing work. I believe that I did tell him that there had been 26 published replication attempts.

Currently we have located 30 published studies of formal remote viewing experiments. Sixteen have reported success (statistical significance); 14 were not successful, two of these were nearly successful.

We have located 14 unpublished formal remote viewing studies. Seven have reported success.

In general the remote viewing studies have not been as methodologically tight as other lines of work in the field (notably ganzfeld and RNG PK). However several studies, particularly those of Schlitz, are very tight, and have gotten highly significant results. There have been no criticisms of her work either within or outside the field.

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Ray Hyman has not effectively answered my criticisms of his book on dowsing. If you would like copies of the correspondence, let me know. In any event, Renee Haynes toned down my criticisms slightly.

How can you possibly think that Hyman is a reasonably open minded critic? His chapter in Science and the Paranormal edited by Abell and Singer was clearly cleverly calculated deceit. Hyman claims that parapsychologists needsto establish methods, analyses, and procedures from scratch! He certainly strives to give the impression that there is no orgainized group of scientists doing work in the field.

I am flattered to be considered for affiliation with CSAR (I think). Is senior resource consultant Michael Harrison the author of trash book Fire From Heaven? If so, did he write the book for money or does he consider it a serious effort?

I have heard that I have been accepted by the PA but have not received official notification. When I do I will forward the application for CSAR.

With best regards,

George

George P. Hansen
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Marcello Truzzi, *Editor*

April 12, 1982

Dear George,

You asked why Randi is disliked by many if not most PEA members. The main reason is that Randi exposes pseudo-psychics which most of them are. They see Geller as good for business, for example. Also, many dislike Randi because he has exposed magical methods to the public as part of his expose of persons. You must understand that most PEA members present themselves to the public as "real" eventhough most would condemn Geller's fooling of scientists as opposed to the public. Also, many PEA members do not condemn fooling parapsychologists if it results in publicity. They take the view that a real scientist has the obligation to control against their methods. Finally, quite a few people in magic don't like Randi very much, anyway; just a matter of personality. On the other hand, Randi has many friends in conjuring, too. But people often have strong feelings about Randi one way or the other.

I would indeed like to see your letters exchanged with Ray Hyman. He has a rather different view of your exchanges than you describe in your letter, so I would like to see the facts for myself. Re his chapter in the Abell and Singer book, I think you confuse his discussion of the ad hoc work with psychics with his view of rigorous experimental work (such as he is currently analyzing --i.e., the ganzfeld work-- for the PROCEEDINGS OF THE IEEE).

Yes, Harrison did write FIRE FROM HEAVEN. Yes, it is a bad book severely criticized by other anonalists (e.g., Rickard). But he is a resource consultant and not a research consultant. You must remember that being a resource person simply having access to a lot of information (bibliography, a library. etc.) which Harrison does have. (I know Harrison mainly from his many writings on Victorian England, especially his several classic books on Conan Doyle and Sherlock Holmes.)

You are hereby a research consultant for CSAR. Got your application yesterday.

Thanks for the information about the remote viewing experiments. Is a list of the 30 published and 14 unpublished pieces available?

Best wishes,

Marcello Truzzi

P.S. ZS#9 should get mailed out next week.
Yes, I have read PSYCHIC CRIMINOLOGY. An absolutely awful book in almost every way.

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14 April 1982

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Dear Marcello:

Enclosed are copies of letters with Ray Hyman. I have indicated the paragraphs of particular interest.

I do not confuse Ray's discussion of the ad hoc work with psychies (as discussed in Science and the Paranaormal). But 99% of the readership is certain to. It is very clear that he meant to be deceptive. He did not cite even one experiment from a current referreed parapsychology journal. He didn't even acknowledge that such existed. If fact he clearly implied the opposite. This is a tactic used by Gardner, one should expect higher standards from scientists dealing with the general public.

Thanks for making me a CSAR research consultant. Will I get a really neat certificate like for the Subterranean Sociological Association?

I would rather not give out our charts on the remote viewing studies because many of them are not particularly well done. If we released it, it may somehow imply that we gave our approval to the studies. We do expect to complete a review article and may include the lists there. However, we do have a list of references on remote viewing; if you would like it, I would be quite happy to send it.

Regards,

George

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Dear Mr. Hansen:

In answer to your request, I am submitting two samples of syllabi from recent offerings of my Pseudopsychologies Course. I include the syllabus for 1978 because it is the only one on which I included a recommended reading list. And the syllabus for 1980 should provide a recent version of what the course attempts to achieve. The point of the course has little to do with critizing parapsychology. Indeed, to the extent that parapsychology is discussed at all, it is to point out that it is a seriuos attempt to study scientifically an elusive, or possibly non-existing, phenomenon. But its efforts and findings are essentially irrelevant to the course objectives. The course is consumer-oriented. It tries to arm the students with tools to evaluate claims made for various systems that promise health, healing, occult insights, growth and transcendence. And it focusses upon social and psychological processes that may lead us to believe and endorse systems that have not been properly justified.

I am also submitting a copy of the syllabus for a seminar I offered earlier in the academic year. In that seminar we made a serious attempt to critically evaluate the claims of parapsychology. I tried, both in the discussions and in the suggested readings, to give both critics and proponents a fair hearing. And I tried to deal with parapsychology by examining it from its strong, rather than its weak defenses.

You ask if I know of similar lists. It depends upon what you mean by "similar". Many individuals offer courses related in one way or another to the psychic, occult, or mystical concerns. Few deal directly with parapsychology in its stricter sense of an experimental science. Marcello Truzzi, whom I am sure you have already consulted, is one clearing house for most of these offerings. The Chairman of CSICOP's Education Subcommittee also may be a useful source for the information you seek. (He is Elmer Kral, 1124 W. Koenig St., Grand Island, Nebraska 68801).

I must confess that I know of few, if any, informed and responsible critiques of parapsychological research. Hansel's book is the only approximation to such, but I need not tell you its many shortcomings (but see the latest Skeptical Inquirer for some of my views on this). And I would also like to emphasize that my concern is not whether psi exists or not. Even if its exists and behaves just like most parapsychologists believe, it could not account for the widespread belief in a variety of occult and psychic phenomena by the lay public. I am especially interested in those cases in which it is clear, in retrospect at least, that reasonably competent

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individuals had become falsely committed to the reality of a supernatural claim. My interest in such cases stems from my belief that they can inform us much about how the human mind both succeeds and fails at the task of understanding the world around us.

I want to thank you for sending me your valuable review paper on dowsing. I did not send you any comments because I had nothing to say that would change anything of substance. I differ from you basically on matters of interpretation. Your a priori belief in the reality of psi is much stronger than mine (you are probably close to 1.0 and I am probably close, but definitely not at, to zero. So I can understand your seeing much more promise in the data for the reality of dowsing's claims. I notice, of course, that just about every significant experiment in favor of dowsing has to be qualified with the statement that many details were lacking in the writeup or that it was not clear that sensory cues were excluded. And adding all the new cases your article introduced me to, those that Vogt and I reviewed (which were many more than we actually discussed in the book) seems to reinforce our basic conclusion. That conclusion was that there is a definite trend for the proportion of successful outcomes in divining tests to go down and approximate zero the more the test approximates the standards of a well-controlled laboratory experiment. Unlike many other allegedly paranormal phenomena, dowsing has been studied under quasi- and actual controlled conditions a number of times. Even in the situations for which some degree of success is claimed, the hit rate is notoriously low. Certainly none of this is consistent with almost invincibility displayed by dowsers in accounts given by Bird and in every issue of the American Dowsers Quarterly. My point is that even if we think there is some scientific basis for believing in the dowsing phenomenon, it would not account for the widespread beliefs in the universal and practically errorless divination that allegedly take place under field conditions.

I also confess to feeling insulted by your gratuitous remark about Vogt's and my own integrity. You wrote about our book: "Several studies were cited which supported this idea (that dowsing does not work); the studies indicating efficay of dowsing were conveniently ignored." This statement irritates me for a number of reasons. You do not indicate which studies you have in mind that we ignored. At the time we wrote the book we had diligently examined every study on dowsing that we could get hold of. We had not only done our own bibliographic search, but we wrote to individuals all over the world for information. This turned up many obscure studies in a variety of languages. We may have missed a few obscure studies in casting our nets, but it was not for lack of trying. Many of the studies were indeed put forth as evidence for dowsing. But, as we painstakingly pointed out, all such studies lacked control baselines, were not double-blind, did not control for sensory cues, or were badly deficient in other ways. If these are the studies you claim we ignored, then it was not a matter of convenience to ourselves, but rather an act of charity to the authors. If there are any that we overlooked which meet the criteria of good experimentation, I do not know of them, nor could I find any such in your article. Your accusation is also "conveniently" evasive. It suggest that we knew of studies that contradicted our conclusions and deliberately avoided mentioning them. On the other hand, you could claim that you did not mean to accuse us of conscious suppression of information. Rather, you are suggesting that we unconsciously forgot about the contrary evidence. Or, if pressed, you could cover yourself by saying that you were not accusing us of bad intent. Instead, we had accidnetly overlooked certain studies and this was "convenient" because by chance all these omitted ones were against our conclusion. It is one thing to quarrel with our conclusions. It is another to imply motivation and intent to deceive.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Hyman:

Thank you for your course syllabi. The syllubus for the seminar on Parapsychology: A Critical Evaluation is by far the best I have seen. I am now a Research Fellow at the FRNM and will make your syllabi required reading for our summer students.

I must confess that I was rather irritated by your book Water Witching U.S.A. , and I was surprised at your response to my comments. I certainly do not mean to imply that you had the intention and motivation to deceive the reader, and I realize that your book was meant for an audience wider than the strictly scientific community and thus certain issues were not appropriate.

There were several areas that were not adequately covered in your book. The work by Tromp has been widely cited by others and it deserved coverage. I certainly think his work has flaws, but it has, in part, been replicated by Gallay. The work of Rhine and Cadoret was also ignored. As Levinson pointed out the issue of ESP was ignored. These particular areas are widely acknowledged to be of major interest; they were not discussed and have not been in your other scientific papers.

You might reply that you were only trying to explain the widespread belief in dowsing considering the scanty scientific evidence. You would have a valid point. In your letter you say "But, as we painstakingly pointed out, all such studies lacked control baselines, were not double-blind, did not control for sensory cues, or were badly deficient in other ways. If these are the studies you claim we ignored, then it was not a matter of convenience to ourselves, but rather an act of charity to the authors." This response is inappropriate, and your won article "Pathological Science: Towards a Proper Diagnosis and Remedy" is one of the most eloquent pieces arguing against ignoring the studies I mentioned above. For the past 20 years your book has been considered the best (and most readily available) scientific discussion~~s~~ of dowsing; to merit such opinion further discussion of the topics I mentioned should have been included (even if the final conclusion was unfavorable to dowsing).

I do hope that you will be attending the Parapsychological Association convention in Syracuse in August. There seems to be a growing interest in macro-PK, and your expertise in magic could make a definite contribution.

If you have any ideas on appropriate randomness tests that should be conducted on micro-PK experiments, I would be most interested in hearing about them.

Sincerely,

George P. Hansen

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April 18, 1982

Dear Geroge:

Thanks for your letter of April 14 and the copies of the exchange between you and Ray Hyman.

You seem to have misunderstood me. I only wished for a copy of the bibliography listings for the remote viewing studies (published and unpublished). Of course, I do hope to eventually see any analyses of them, but I did not expect to see your "charts" or anything like that.

Re your correspondence with Ray. First of all, I think you are leaping to the conclusion of imputing foul motives to Ray. It is quite one thing to think he does something badly and that his presentation distorts matters. It is quite another to assert that he does so intentionally, i.e. commits deception. There is a big difference between an argument being deceptive and a person being so. In your letter to me, you seem to be making that leap in regard to Ray's chapter in SCIENCE AND THE PARANORMAL. I see that Ray's letter to you indicates that he felt you were making a similar assertion regarding his work on water witching. Your making that leap in your letter to me adds plausibility to his claim that you did it in the letter to him which initiated your correspondence with him. (Obviously, I would need to see your other letter to him to really know if that were true, but you did not send that letter to me. Put yourself in my place. If I did what you seem to have done, I could assert that you were deceptive in withholding that first letter to Ray. But, of course, I assert nothing of the kind. I think you just did not see the significance of it. Similarly, Ray may not see the significance of his ommisions to your reading of his article and book. I think this is very important as a distinction. We all must realize that we have to assume sincerity and not chicanery by those on the other side of our views. You get angry when Randi, for example, makes such assertions about the motives of parapsychologists. And rightly so. But I truly think you are prone to do the same thing to them (some of your assertions about Randi in particular fall into that category). I do think that Randi has done things irresponsibly on occasions. And I do not agree entirely with Ray. And I think there is some validity in your criticisms. But I know Ray well and simply do not believe your charges of intentional deception hold water. I also know Randi, and despite his flaws in argument and evidence, I still believe that Randi generally tries to act honestly. I would urge you stick with the objective criticisms which you raise -- which may be quite valid -- and eschew any imputation of motives by the use of such words as deception. We have enough real issues between critics and proponents not to be sidetracked by what ultimately become personality disputes.

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Best, Marcello
Marcello Truzzi

P.S. I really think you grossly misjudge Ray in light of his other writings on psi research. For example, see his review of Alcock's book in the current PARAPSYCHOLOGY REVIEW. And he is currently doing two articles, one a complete review of the ganzfeld studies (for the IEEE) and a chapter on fraud for Krippner's next ADVANCES volume. Ray can hardly be charged with ignoring the lab research elsewhere. There is a very big difference between Ray Hyman and Martin Gardner in these matters.

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21 April 1982

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Dear Marcello:

Enclosed is the list of studies on remote viewing.

Thanks for your comments regarding my interaction and views on Ray Hyman. I still think that I am right and will explain.

I first wrote to Ray at your suggestion after the J.B. Rhine conference in December 1980. I do not have a copy of this letter. It was handwritten and basically mentioned your suggestion and asked for comments. There was no acknowledgement from Ray.

Later in May or June 1981, I wrote to Ray requesting a copy of his class syllabi. I had seen several Bob Morris had. In this letter I don't think I even mentioned dowsing. If I did, I may have asked him if he received the paper. I have not been able to find my copy of this letter.

I would be quite happy for you to write Ray and ask if he still has copies of the letters. To the best of my knowledge, there was nothing in the letters regarding dowsing,motives, etc.

As far as *Water Witching U.S.A.* is concerned, Ray did not cover important studies. My statement about "conveniently ignoring" these studies did not imply deceit. Even when I was fininshed with the dowsing review, I considered Ray a fair critic. Nevertheless, in professional publications he has never addressed these studies.

As far as Ray's publications in journals, where others are given a chance to reply, his work is quite excellent. Of course if it wasn't, he would be quickly shown totherwise. (for instance Randi is not as cagey as Hyman as shown in the Stokes-Randi exhange in *Theta*; Randi unwisely picked a forum in which he could be answered).

Articles in popular books are quite a different matter. Science and the Paranormal has been offered by book clubs. It will have a far wider readership than the journals, and probably 99% of the readers will not ever see a rebuttal to Hyman's claims.

In the last paragraph of his chapter Hyman states "Standardized procedures, instrumentation, variables, controls, concepts, data analyses, and other necessities of scientific inquiry will have to be developed, tested, debugged, and validated from scratch."

Can you reasonably assert Ray might not see the significance of his ommisions in light of such a statement?????

Perhaps, I am wrong on this point, but I have not been offered a reasonable counter explanation for his article.

On another point (in an area I am not very familiar): Why did Hyman endorse the CSICOP response to Rawlins? It appeared over his name.

Congratulations for your "Uri" nomination.

My ZS piece is progressing. I am waiting for more information from Brian Millar in regard to some of Hasted's claims.

Will you be going to the PA?

I have been giving Randi some suggestions on a brief he is planning to submit to the PA. I think that it should have a reasonable chance of being accepted.

Regards,

George

George P. Hansen
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April 27, 1982

Dear George,

Thanks for your letter of April 21 and the enclosed list of the remote viewing studies and articles related thereto. I am extremely happy to have the latter.

What is the status of the bibliography you sent me? I would love to publish it in ZS if you would approve that (crediting you or whoever put it together, of course). I think ZS readers would love to see it. I had been planning to put together such a bib and had already asked Puthoff for materials, but I see you already have done the job. This is exactly the kind of bib I want to publish in ZS. Ideally, I would like to annotate it (perhaps with simple designations like: C= commentary; E+= experiment with postive results; E-= experiment with negative results; etc.). Please let me know what you think about this..

Do you by any chance have a similar printout dealing with the ganzfeld studies? I'd like to see that if so, and I would hope you might send a copy of that to Ray Hyman since he is currently reviewing all the ganzfeld matterials for the PROCEEDINGS OF THE IEEE (an invited paper like Jahns').

Obviously, it is impossible for me to reconstruct exactly what happened between you and Ray in your correspondence. I think part of the problem is semantic. When you speak of "ignoring" I think Ray took that literally, meaning active avoidance. What you might better have said was something like "neglected" rather than "ignored." Ray has taken umbrage at some of the things I have said to him, too, which stem from such little word meanings. I would urge you to watch such matters carefully.

I think I know Ray quite well. We don't agree about everything, but I am quite convinced of his essential honesty and sincerity. (And I have no doubts about your own, either.) I agree with you that Ray has not given you a satisfactory reply, but I think he may misperceive the nature of your question. I would urge you to write him a conciliatory note and rephrase your question in a more diplomatic way. I think you both would benefit from friendly (rather than hostile) exchange. Your anger shows through in your letters too much, and Ray gets antagonized rather too easily. But I would urge you to take cognizance of those problems and write him again. I am confident that you could learn from each other, and you do both share a common interest and goals (dowsing and truth). I therefore want to encourage communication between you. I perhaps should also mention that Ray is often slow to respond to correspondence (even with me and we are very friendly).

So, let me know about the bibliography for potential ZS use.

Cordially,

Marcello

Marcello Truzzi

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May 10, 1982

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Dear Marcello:

While Ram is away, I am helping Dorothy Pope with the book review section of the Journal.

I understand that you were sent The Psychology of the Psychic by Marks and Kammann. If you have not already started the review, would you consider abandoning the project? The review would be a bit dated and the book does not seem exceptionally important in my estimation. If you wish to continue, that's fine.

If you wish to abandon the Marks and Kammann, you are quite welcome to keep the book, and we are wondering if you would like to review Frames of Meaning: The Social Construction of Extraordinary Science by Collins and Pinch?

With best regards,

George

George P. Hansen
Research Fellow

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cc: Ms. Dorothy H. Pope

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May 13, 1982

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Dear George:

I write in regard to my way overdue book review of Marks and Kammann's THE PSYCHOLOGY OF THE PSYCHIC about which you just wrote me for Dorothy Pope. Given the realities of the situation, I am frankly happy to cancel the review. I felt obligated to do it so would have done so, but I have had real misgivings (and this is partly the reason for the delay). Given everything, I would now prefer to drop that review and say what I have to say about it in another context, probably a future article dealing with the skeptics of psi research. So, in short, thanks for letting me off the hook on this one, and I do apologize for whatever trouble this has caused Ms. Pope. Normally, I might feel guilty towards the authors, but since I was going to say some highly critical as well as positive things, I doubt that they will miss it.

As for FRAMES OF MEANING, I would be delighted to review it and promise to do so relatively promptly. I have heard very interesting reports on the book. And thanks for not giving up on me due to the bad experience with me on the Marks & Kammann volume.

Sincerely,

Marcello

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06 July 1982

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Dear Marcello:

Enclosed is the review copy of Frames of Meaning by Collins and Pinch.

If possible, we would like to have the review here in a month and a half to two months.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the PA.

With best regards,

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cc: DHP

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02 June 1982

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Dear Marcello:

Enclosed is my paper on macro-PK methodology for submission to the ZS. I hope there will be some interest in a dialogue.

I think that it would be a good idea to publish the bibliography on remote viewing. However the copy you have is not complete, and I would like to make some changes. I do think that a brief annotation would be worthwhile. At present the remote viewing work has been a rather low priority with me (we have been preparing for our Summer Study Program) but I hope to get back to it soon.

We do not have a similar printout on the ganzfeld. Have you seen Sybo Schouten's listing in the No. 11 (August 1981) Research Letter (of the Parapsychology Laboratory of University of Utrecht)?

Concerning Ray Hyman--His letters to me have been so few that I doubt that a dialogue by mail would be worthwhile. I have talked with him in person (at the 1979 PA) and he seemed reasonable.

Randi has written me a number of times in that past several months. Has he mentioned anything about my response to his innuendoes about Honorton's lab?

Regards,

George

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9/28/83

Dear George,

Hope you got back to Durham without mishap and that all goes well with you there.

Enclosed is a copy of a note from Eisenbud re a change he is making in his commentary. Please make the change on your copy. So far no more commentaries in but I expect some others around October 1st based on promisory cards.

I was sent a copy of the Randi tape from someone in Atlanta (seemingly a passing on of their copy rather than from the original source). I told Randi about getting it. He called me about the matter and indicated that the Jaroff/DISCOVER copy that he got turned out not to be pristine after all and that he was having trouble about getting the fingerprints. So, it looks like he will not be going towards the promised indictment of the culprit as originally stated. In actually listening to the tape, I am convinced that Randi's cover-story makes no sense at all and I am also now inclined to think that the original tape was not made by Randi but was probably made by someone tapping his phone.

Hope you got ZS#11 by now.

Keep in touch.

Best,

Marcello

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04 October 1982

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Dear Marcello:

Just a brief reminder that we are expecting your review of Collins and Pinch (Frames of Meaning). We would like to have a copy of it in our hands within two weeks. If this is not possible, could you please let us know?

I enjoyed our meetings in Cambridge and London. Will you be soming to this area for any reason? Or will I see you at the next PA in New Jersey?

Our staff here is quite small now (Ram is in India). The only researchers are Richard Broughton, Debbi Weiner, and myself. Right now I don't want to take the time to review Ray's Water Witching U.S.A., but later I might like to take a crack at it.

With best regards,

George

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June 3, 1982

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Dear Dr. Truzzi:

George Hansen was kind enough to call you for me this afternoon regarding McClenon's paper "A Survey of Elite Scientists' Attitudes Regarding ESP and Parapsychology.' And you were kind enough to say that you would referee it for us.

I am enclosing a copy for you. The author will be leaving for an appointment of some kind in Japan and I would like to have him do any revising before he leaves at the end of July. Do not let me hurry you too much, but I would appreciate your getting back to me when you can conveniently do so.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy H. Pope

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Editor

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02 October 1983

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Dear Marcello,

I hope things are going well for you and that you are still actively corresponding.

My trip back to Durham went well. Bob Morris seems to be doing well in Syracuse, he has quite a bit of space in the University.

I visited the dowsers' convention only for a few hours so there is nothing to report on there. Joe Long is doing OK it seems to me (although he continues to have a lot of medical problems).

You may want to write to Joan Marie Bruna (1215 So. Lombard Ave, Cicero, IL 60650). She has a number of books on psychic and related topics available. Her prices are usually quite reasonable.

I got quite a packet of information from Berthold Schwarz describing how Steve Shaw lead him on regarding psychic healing. I think you would find it interesting if you have not already seen it. I have written to Schwarz suggesting that he send it to you.

I noticed that the SI has not yet published your letter. Do you think that they will? On a public relations view, I think that CSICOP is handling the sTarbaby affair quite well. A casual reader of SI would certainly come away with a moderately favorable impression.

James Trow sent me another Randi letter to himself. Randi suggested that he contact Philip Singer. Everything I had heard about Singer had been quite unfavorable; what do you know of him? Trow did decline the suggestion.

While I was gone, Uphoff stopped thru Durham. I am somewhat disappointed to have missed him. Philip Paul stopped by too. He will likely be back again before he leaves to go to China.

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Have there been any more developments in the poltergeist case?

Currently I am undertaking some building maintenance projects for the next few weeks. After that I plan to start on my Cox critique. I talked with Chuck Honorton Friday concerning it, and he was very upset about the matter. I expect that I will be addressing quite a few issues in the paper. I will certainly be sending you some of the early drafts for your comments.

The people here in Durham don't tap into much gossip. However the PRF is having a conference in Oct. and we are having a Louisa E. Rhine conference in Nov. so there should be some news items after those.

All the best,

George

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS, June 28 1983

Bigfoot photos amaze experts

By DICK DONOVAN

An amazing series of pictures that captured a Bigfoot bathing in a mountain stream is the first conclusive proof that the legendary creature of the wilds really lives!

The photographs, which clearly show the massive beast, were made from the frames of a two-minute, 28-second film shot near Snow Mountain in Northern California. The astonishing photos are the result of years of searching by a daring and determined crew of Bigfoot hunters from Amazing Horizons Inc., based in San Jose, Calif.

"The expedition team from Amazing Horizons had been on the trail of Bigfoot for years before the film was made," C. Thomas Biscardi, president of the group, told The NEWS in an exclusive interview.

"We have reports on sightings coming in from all over the nation and we've searched extensively throughout the seven main states where the beast has been seen most often. Finally, our efforts paid off. We got the most astounding film footage of Bigfoot ever made."

The break that led to the pictures came in a call from Judy Ramirez, an anthropology student at Shasta College.

"She was frantic," Biscardi recalled. "She said she had encountered a large creature — in her words, a 'Godzilla' — near Snow Mountain.

"After receiving the call, an expedition team — including myself, Ivan Marx, the world's foremost tracker and photographer Ernest Montiel — set out to investigate the sighting.

"After searching the area for some time, we sighted the beast and our photographer started his camera rolling. It was ankle-deep in water about 100 to 150 yards away.

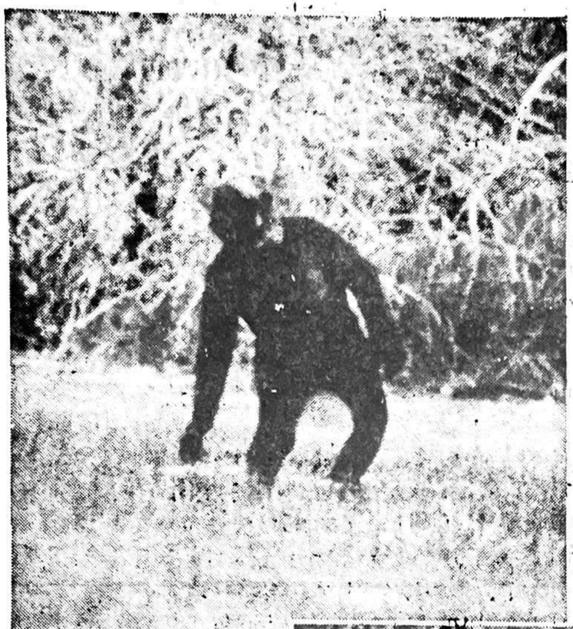
"Even from where we were, we could see that the creature was over 8 feet tall and weighed a minimum of 500 pounds. It had reddish hair and was splashing water over its body, probably to rid itself of mosquitoes, flies and bugs."

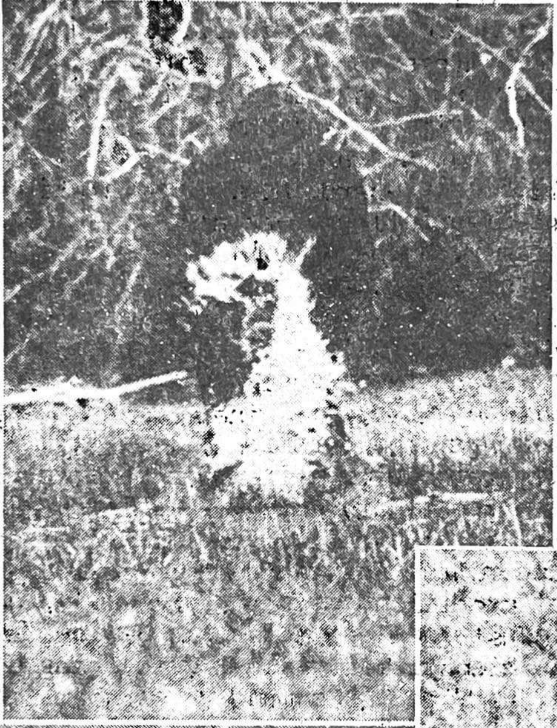
Biscardi said the Bigfoot is a fully grown adult male, and he believes it to be the same creature often sighted in the area in recent years.

Photographs made from the film were shown to anthropologist-historian Dr. Warren Cook, at Castleton State College in Vermont for authentication.

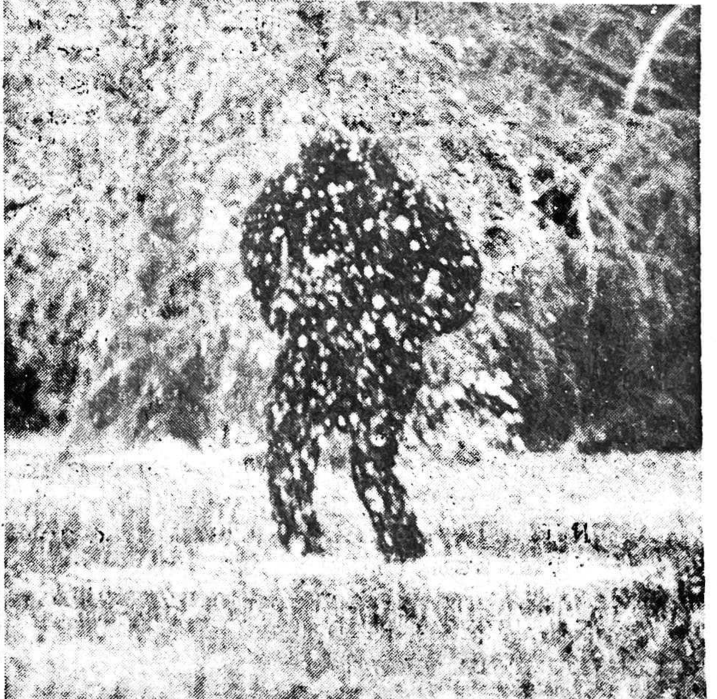
"The superb clarity, detail and sheer beauty of the successive shots of the creature are far superior in scientific import to any other Bigfoot pictures I have seen," Cook said.

"They possess a great feeling of naturalness and nonhumanness, but anthropoid authenticity. The manner in which it shakes the water from its pelt I don't believe could be duplicated by a human."





The monster emerges from brush (top) then splashes (right and bottom) in an icy stream as tracker's hidden camera grinds



The team that captured Bigfoot on film poses in the Northern California wilds. Left to right are Ivan Marx, Ernest Montiel and C. Thomas Biscardi.

CLOTH BOOK CATALOGUE - New, Used, Rare - July 12, 1983 - HEALTH RESEARCH

ON THE TRACK OF UNKNOWN ANIMALS - By Bernard Heuvelmans - Translated and abridged by Richard Garnett With 78 Drawings by Montique Watteau (Hill and Wang N.Y. - (1965) Abridged Edition - fine, green cloth, gold stamping. 306 indexed pages x-library - rare	$17.50
BIGFOOT - The Yeti and Sasquatch in Myth and Reality - by John Napier (1973, 2nd printing) John Napier has been inquiring into the sightings of the Abominable Snowman and other giant humanoid creatures for over twenty years. His aim, in Bigfoot, is to disentangle the legend from the living animal. 240 indexed pages, ills. jacket, photos, as new	10.00
THE GIRLS WE LEAVE BEHIND - Jerome Beatty, Jr., A Terribly Scientific Study of American Women at Home - (1963) - 183 pages colored ills. jackets (1963) like new (give this to the better half - who brings home the bacon)	4.50
HOW TO AVOID UNNECESSARY SURGERY By Lawrence P. Williams, M.D. - One in six surgical operations is unnecessary. Here's how you can avoid the pain and risk of poorly diagnosed or marginal surgery. Gold stamping (on spine) forest green cloth - colored, ills. jackets - (1971) - 221 pages. One question a patient should ask to learn who is the best surgeon - two things that a patient can do to prevent surgery? new condition	8.00
LOW BLOOD SUGAR AND YOU. By Carlton Fredericks, Ph.D. - The startling facts of how unaware millions suffer from some form of hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), how it may masquerade as a neurosis, contribute to asthma, even alcoholism, and how its dangers can be prevented by simple treatment - (1969) 190 Pages - new condition colored, ills. jackets -	6.50
THE FAMOUS ROTH MEMORY COURSE (1955 edition) - frontispiece of author - 288 pages like new - and out-of-print rare	12.50
EXECUTIVES HEALTH SECRETS - William P. Shepard, M.D. - How to kick tensions and pressures (1961) - large size, colored jackets - 268 ind. pages out-of-print	6.00
FAMILY ALYUM OF FAVORITE HYMNS - Don McNeill's - (1960) copyright - 144 pages - colored ills. jacket gold stamping on red hard covers - colored end-page-spread - mint condition	6.00
MAN AND POWER - The Story of Power From the Pyramids to the Atomic Age - By L. Sprague de Camp - illustrated with original documents, photographs by Russ Kinne, Roman Vishniac and others, and paintings by Alton S. Tobey 189 highly illustrated, indexed colored pages on fine quality paper. The ideal book to understand why mechanics, motors, engines & gadgets work. 8 x 11 mint condition	6.00
THE WORKS OF FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS, The learned and Authentic Jewish Historian and Celebrated Warrior With Three Dissertations, Concerning Jesus Christ John the Baptist, James the Just, God's Command to Abraham, etc., and Explanatory Notes and Observations - Translated by William Whiston, A.M., Complete in One Volume -- With Portrait and Engravings (Rare 1851 copyright - Cincinnati: H.S. & J. Applegate & Co.) 648 fine printed pages fully indexed - hard leather covers gold stamping on spine (repaired) frontispiece of author. One of the few ancient books outside the bible, mentioning Jesus Christ. Rare	30.00
DIETS FOR HEALTH - Marguerite Patten (1964) - approximately 200 ills. indexed pages many in beautiful color - colored hard covers - mint condition 8½ x 1½ -	4.50
THE YEAR OF DECISION - 1846 - By Bernard DeVoto - schematic end-page maps ills. colored jackets (1943) - 524 indexed pages -	4.50
TEETH, DIET AND HEALTH By Kurt H. Thomas, D.M.D. (1923) - 226 ind. pages gold stamping fine condition	6.50
ATLANTIS - By I. Donnelly very good condition - ills	8.50
THE SUN RISES - R. D. Stelle (1952) Ramona Lemurian Fellowship Occult Item much in demand	12.50

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Oct. 8, 1983

Dear George,

Not really that much has happened since you left. Let me start by running down your letter and commenting.on what that stimulates.

Thanks for Ms. Bruna's address. Will write her re books, etc.

I presume that what you got from Schwarz is what I got earlier from him, but if not, I hope he will send me the same. Dan Cohen is doing a piece for OMNI on the magicians and parapsychology and tried to contact Schwarz but got no one at his Vero Beach address. Has Schwarz moved?

I presume SI will publish my letter in the following issue, but, like you, I wait to see..Frazier said it would be in the Winter issue.

I concur with the negative things you have heard about Singer. He brought over a psychic surgeon a few years ago and made a botch of it. I have recently heard that he and Randi are doing something together, which quite amazes me.

Re CSICOP and the Mars Effect, you are correct about the general impression that readers of SI must have. How incredibly fatuous, however, Kurtz and Abell are to open their reply to Gauquelin with a "shucks, we are not courageous, just doing the job any good scientist would do in admitting our mistakes" line. Yech!

I enclose a copy of a letter just received from Henry Bauer which he is sending out re Martin Gardner's article in the s-f magazine.

Did not know Philip Paul was going to China. Just tourism or what?

Re the local poltergeist case, not much. The woman called Gundella but never called her back to actually set up anything. She spoke with me, too, and explicitly asked me if I suspected the older son as the cause. I told her that was a real possibility. I think she rather knows it and that we will hear no more about it (unless it shows up in the newspapers). Will let you know if more emerges.

Just got a revised version of comments from Braude on your paper for ZS, so here is a copy to replace the earlier version sent you a little while back.

Wish I could make it for your or the PRF's conferences, but finances here preclude. Hope matters of interest develop and you will keep me informed. The CSICOP conference in Buffalo seems to be attracting some interesting people. I don't expect to go but expect to see Piet Hein right afterwards, and he should fill me in. Rawlins called me last night and I think he will be going. Dan Cohen is going (re his OMNI piece). One interesting sidelight. I noticed that Stephen Toulmin (a very well known philosopher of science) is going to be on a panel. I wrote him about the Mars Effect controversy. He knew nothing about any of this stuff and I have now filled him in. He expressed some real misgivings about having accepted the invitation when he realized he was dealing with a bunch of debunkers. So, he may surprise Bre'er Kurtz with what he has to say on his panel. Let's hope so, anyway.

What else is new? Hoebens continues to keep me informed of European details. He is really going after a couple of people there, particularly Bender and Van Praag.

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an not recall if I already told you that I got a copy of the Randi tape sent to me by someone in Atlanta. Incredible tape. It is quite clear that Randi's "explanation" that he was trying to entrap some people for the cops is nonsense. He puts callers off, suggests meetings in NYC, and other things that make it clear that he is not trying to get them to come forward for entrapment. Right after I got the tape, I contacted Randi (who was off in D.C.) and left a message that I got the tape (followed by a letter to the same effect). Two weeks later, Randi called me from D.C. saying he had heard from Hoebens that I got the tape. He asked me about fingerprints, etc., again, this time claiming that the DISCOVER copy he earlier claimed he got in pristine form was played and handled after all (he claimed someone in the mail room there opened it! what crap!). I surmise that he called, then, to (1) ascertain if I got the tape and what I was doing and feeling about it, and (2) to lay the groundwork for the coming absence of any legal action on his part since he now claims not to have the evidence he earlier indicated he had to sue the hell out of the guilty party. He also did indicate in the call that it was not the mysterious policeman who has been mailing the stuff out but that the cop who hates him was simply the one who gave the culprit the tape. Now that I have actually heard the tape, I conclude that it likely was not Randi doing the taping. His voice is stronger but far from that clear. I think it most likely that some third party (the mystery cop?) was tapping his line and doing so closer to Randi than to the outside caller. It would explain much since there seems no excuse for Randi's taping the stuff himself, especially the calls from others that interrupt about trivialities.

As you must know, Martin Ebon's book on Russian psi is now out. Looks good. McRae says he is going to work for THE NATIONAL ENQUIRER! He needs the money since his expectations re the government psi book's serialization have not brought him the expected money. I think his book is now scheduled for March rather than January, too. He told me that Barbara Honegger has declared she will run for the senate and that the WASHINGTON POST has come out strongly against her and will probably ruin her. I went and got some of the newspaper stories about her whole episode and she really comes off nutty in some of the stories. Her whole position is rather ridiculous. She claims to be pro-ERA but is willing to go back to work for Reagan if he goes for his alternative plan as originally promised. She wants to have her cake and eat it too. I think it will end up badly for her. Pity.

I trust you got ZS#11 by now. Reactions so far have been good. A few bad typographical errors that need correcting in ZS#12, I am afraid.

Got a nice letter from Kreskin but nothing further back so far from Geller. I enclose a copy of Randi's comments about Beta which you probably will want to see. Not sure where this will appear (probably for SI).

Let's keep in touch.

Best,

Marcello Truzzi

P.S. I continue to purchase Loompanics stuff. Some really incredible stuff there. Thanks again for making me aware of them.

I also enclose a copy of a McConnell letter to Cox you may not have seen.

Because of Saturday deliveries and other factors, mail to me at home is faster than mail to me at work. Home address is: 1323 Culver Rd.; Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

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21 November 1983

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for the great packet of information. In the future, you may just want to send me originals to copy and return to you.

Psi Research had a note on Mishlove doing something on psychics and criminology. I assume you have corresponded with him.

I have prepared a rough draft of my Cox critique and sent it to McConnell for his comments. I have also sent a "provocative" section to Schmeidler, Thalbourne, and Beloff (Beloff seems to be a bit favorable to Cox). The more I see of Beloff in regard to the macro-PK stuff, the more I think you are right about his being gullible, or at least quite naive.

The Louisa Rhine conference went well here. Scott Rogo spent a week at the lab. I had a lot of interaction with him, I like him, but he is even more opinionated than Cox!

My meeting with Dennis Stillings was most interesting. He is very intelligent. I think that he could be described as a theoretical Fortean, he is not credulous. If you give me a call sometime, I will tell you more about him.

This week I have been called back to Minnesota on family business, and I hope to get a chance to see Dennis again.

Your personal newsletter on the CSICOP conference should be interesting. Fanny Knipe and Rauni Luukanen also attended and then came down for the LER conference and filled me in a bit. I also got a chance to listen to eight hours of tapes. It was clear that not everyone was "sugar-coated." Bob Morris did a superb job from what I could tell. I think that he was by far the best person from the field to present to such an audience.

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I heard that Hoebens had some interesting comments to make at the banquet. Reportedly he suggested that "hard" critics (presumably Gardner types) should pretend to be "soft" so they can become friends with parapsychologists and "find out interesting things". Did he really say this? What is (was) your reaction?

Re my Macro-PK Methods paper for the next ZS. Did you want to publish my response to the commentators in the same issue? Either way is OK with me, but I would like to know so that I can schedule my time. (Chuck Akers gave me a copy of his comments, I assume he sent them to you also).

All the best,

George

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21 October 1983

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Dear Marcello,

The last two and a half weeks I have been painting the lab; we got five more rooms done. However, everything alse was put on hold during that period.

The ZS got a quite favorable reaction here. Ram said even though he had a lot to do, he put everything else off so he could read the issue. John Palmer's tone got mixed reactions here. I think that John was quite straightforward in announcing his approach, but Alcock deviously presented himself as the sober, calm scientist when he really was just back to his same old rhetorical tricks.

Next Friday I will be leaving for Minnesota and expect to be there for a week. I hope to meet Dennis Stillings and attend the monthly meeting of the Archaeus Project.

Cox mentioned that you had told him that you were planning to write the locksmith. I do think that it would be a good idea if you would.

Cox also asked whether I thought it would be a good idea if he obtained another notarized statment. I have not replied to Cox yet, but I now do not think that this would be a good idea especially if Cox were the one to obtain it. I would certainly expect Cox to do a little "coaching", and given that all the events happened two years ago, who knows what might emerge.

I am planning to write Cox to see if the destroyed lock parts are available.

Several weeks ago I spoke with Chuck Honorton. Earlier this year he was approached by a young man (approx 22) who was investigating a poltergeist case. The man was quite insistent that Chuck get

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involved. Honorton didn't want to, but the man called a number of times. Finally the guy called and said that he had examined his video tapes of the action on a big screen and detected fraud. Chuck invited him to the lab (several times) to discuss his findings but the guy never came. Chuck suspects that this may have be a Randi project, and it certainly sounds to me like a very strong possibiblity.

I recently got a card from Berthold Schwarz and is apparently still in Vero Beach.

The stuff he sent me included a letter from his daughter Lisa to Steve Shaw, a letter from August C. Roberts to himself, several mailgrams and letters to NBC (these document his charges regarding Shaw's claimed psychic healing and leading on of Schwarz and his daughter).

Philip Paul will apparently be stationed in China for several years. I believe that now he is in Virginia or the D.C. area for several months.

Enclosed is a page from the recent Brain Mind Bulletin (I didn't recall if you got this, if not, you may want to exchange). The multiple personality disorder certainly looks relevant to our poltergeist case.

Some time ago I wrote Moseley about doing a review of Randi's ESP testing book for Smear. He has not replied, is he likely to?

The CSICOP conference should be interesting if Rawlins attends, I hope Piet will give you all the details.

I have seen Ebon's book. I hope that it will get a lot of publicity.

Enclosed is an article on Randi that you may not have seen.

This week end is the PRF conference. I will write again after I return from Minnesota and (hopefully) meet Stillings.

Best,

George

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11/28/83

Dear George,

Just a quick reply to your letter of Nov. 21. Got back last night from Chattanooga (Pat's family for our annual Thanksgiving day trek for togetherness) and last week was cut short so I still have not gotten out my CSICOP conference letter.

Enclosed are a couple of amusing items for you. Funny to see Ray Hyman's picture when he was so very young looking.

I have seldom corresponded with Mishlove and will get to him re the detectives project. I enclose a funny item which puts CSICOP and the religionists on the same side re psychic detectives.

Your remarks on Stillings are interesting. I too get the impression that others underestimate his brightness.

Re Hoebens at the CSICOP banquet, he went through a series of reasons why there should be better interaction between critics and proponents. At the end, he threw in what he termed a Machiavellian reason for the hard liners, i.e., that the best criticism of proponents is often to be found among the proponents, so it is perhaps a good idea for the hard line critic to appear less hard line so as to have access to such negative information. Piet Hein meant it partly in humor and partly in truth. It was not said in a purely cynical fashion as I think you may have heard.

Re the macro-PK commentaries: I think you should best reply in the following issue along with Blackmore. I think I will make that the regular policy to simplify matters. So, you don't need to rush on this one at all. I am about to start actually putting ZS#12 together this week. Don't even know exactly what I have at this point. (Yes, I do have Akers' comments.)

Must run at this moment. Administrative stuff calls.

Best,

Marcello

Marcello Truzzi

P.S. Two interesting new articles by Sybo Scbouten. One in J.OF PSYCHOLOGY ("Personal Experiences and Belief in ESP"), 114 (1983), 219-222; other in PSYCHOLOGICAL REPORTS ("Attitude about Technology and Belief in ESP") 53 (1983), 358. Presume these are easily available to you there.

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02 December 1983

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Dear Marcello,

Just got back from Minnesota. 28 inches of snow there during my stay. As a result, I didn't get a chance to see Stillings this time.

Thanks for the clippings. I am starting to write my paper on magic and parapsychology so they will be good to have.

Have you decided where to publish your "Reflections on Conjuring and Psyhical Research?"

Have you approached the PF about a possibility of a conference on the topic of conjuring?

Thanks for the info on Arcturus. They are very prompt.

We have translated copies (copies of translations) of some of Hoebens criticisms of Bender. I am surprised at just how poor a job Hoebens did, in fact I think it is some of the worst criticism I have seen. He did score a point on Leif Reed but other than that Bender seemed quite unfairly attacked.

Thanks also for the Schouten citations.

Enclosed is a rough draft of my critique of Cox. I have sent Section 1 to Schmeidler, Thalbourne, and Beloff in order to provoke them into a response.

Have you had any correspondence with the locksmith?

Best,

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18 December 1983

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Dear Marcello:

Thanks for your recent notes. Looking forward to your CSICOP conference report.

I do not know anything about Lev Schneider.

The Omni article on the KGB and psi sounds interesting, but I wonder if there is enough info available to make a good story.

Re your conjuring and psychical research article. You didn't cite Fodor's Encyclopedia. You might want to take a look at his section on magicians (if you have not already done so). It contains a lot of info; is it accurate?

Patric Geisler showed me his notes on the JFK course on magic. In it was a description of producing Serios effects using a source of alpha particles found in some smoke detectors. Have you seen anything on this in the magic literature?

Regards,

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02 January 1984

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Dear Marcello:

I hope you are having a nice new year.

Enclosed are some articles that you may find of interest for your paper on magicians and psychical research. I noticed that you did not list Carrington's Physical Phenomena of Spiritualism, I would think that this would be a good item to list.

You might also want to look at the article by Eleanor Sidgewick (PSPR, Vol 4, 1886, pp. 45-70). She mentions watching a magician to see if she could detect how some slate writing was done (she admitted that she couldn't).

This is very confidential (for the time being)--Beloff considers Cox's PA paper to present a prima facie case for matter through matter!!! Gertrude Schmeidler, though, considers thetpaper to be quite poor and the evidence totally inadequate.

The recent SI had some interesting articles. Even Gardner seems mostly reasonable.

Rogo told me that Bender had a M.D. degree before the war but that the records of it were destroyed. If this is true, it is quite unfair for Hoebens and others to imply the things they are.

With best regards,

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Jan. 6, 1984

Dear George,

Sorry to take so long to get to your several letters. I seem to be behind on everything. Hoped to get it all done over the holidays but I should have known other Xmas-related obligations would take over...

Thanks for calling to my attention my stupid oversights in not citing either Fodor's excellent article or Carrington's book, both of which I heavily relied on. Somehow I failed to make cards for these when I put together the bibliographies. Probably because they were such important pieees (I even cite Carrington's book in the text when I talk about magician-psychical researchers). I have discovered some other missing items,

I have delayed rewriting my conjurors paper because (a) I have been waiting for some feedback from a couple of people including T.A. Waters (I got some excellent stuff from Steve Minch), and (b) I hope to soon get access to Milt Kort's fabulous magic library in Detroit (Bill Nagler has spoken with him about my going through all his stuff which is equal to the collection of Jay Marshall). Kort has all the old magazines.(I have found some good stuff in some magazines I picked up in Chattanooga over Thanksgiving, by the way. The magic shop there had some old stuff on sale.)

My guess is that I will publish the thing as a CSAR monograph, but I might get some journal to do it in several parts. I think the final version will be much improved.

I have suggested strongly to Piet Hein that he write you directly to inquire about your objections to his stuff re Bender. The two of you should be in touch, anyway, and I think he can defend himself far better than I.

I enclose a copy of your Cox paper with my notations on it. That seems the best way to give you my own feedback.

I have been delinquent about writing the locksmith. I plan to do that this weekend now that you have reminded me.

The Geisler descrived notes on the Serios effect via use of alpha detectors sounds pretty wild. Tell me more.

Thanks for the reference to Carl du Prel's EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (which I will definitely check into; the same claim was made in the TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT back then and is referenced in a new biography of Robert Browning I ran across). Thanks, too, for the references to the Wallace and Lewis items in the JSPR. I had these but probably should have cited them in the paper. You are a great help. Also, I will check out the Sidgewick reference.

I think it is incredible that Beloff buys Cox's work, but I am equally surprised at Gertrude's strong rejection. Good for her.

Hoebens is right about Bender's M.D. degree claim. I have all sorts of stuff on that scandal. Bender claimed to have the degree from before the war (as Rogo

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may uncritically accept), but when the German press demanded proof, Bender found it nonexistent. It seems he did attend medical school but probably did not finish as he claimed. His thesis (you do a thesis there) was absent. Since then, Bender had done a thesis and obtained the degree (remarkably late in life) by submitting a thesis (which is not really a truly medical thesis at all but about poltergeists; Hoebens got a hold of it --after much trouble-- and it buys much well discredited stuff). Of course, in Germany the superior degree is the Ph.D. rather than the M.D., and so Bender's claim of an apparently false degree is not that important (as it would be here where the degree statuses are reversed). After all, he never practiced medicine so far as I know. But from all I have obtained, it seems pretty certain that Bender fibbed on this one. My German contacts seem to agree.

I have not yet received my own copy of the new SKEPTICAL INQUIRER but went to the library and read it yesterday. I am not as pleased as you are with it. Gardner's reponse to me is ridiculous and suggests that I was told about Alpha by Randi and made some sort of promise to Randi (neither of which are true). Gardner made three nasty points about me in his column; all three points were false, and now he grants my correction and calls them "quibbles." What chutzpah.

Randi asserts his claim about Beta when it is patently unlikely and most of us who know him believe Gamma (now) was the original Beta. Also, Randi now claims (elsewhere) that Steve Shaw's earlier pose as a psychic was a cover. Nonsense. That was before Shaw contacted Randi re the Mac Lab. Then Randi (elsewhere) responds to his book's reviewer claiming that his book was really "an experiment." Horseshit. Randi then chastizes the public for not sending in their data to him when the book's cards are so transparent that only a fool would take his tests seriously. Randi remains the master of deception and the grand-switcheroo.

Did I tell you I now have had a couple of letters from Uri and that he has invited me for a visit? I hope to do that at some point.

I am told that there is an L.A. TV show on government psi work which uses Phil Klass (!) as the critic. That should make Ray Hyman and Randi both a bit angry since neither of them respect Phil and will probably wonder if Kurtz recommended Klass to the show.

I expect now to get the Collins/Pinch review done this weekend in part because of the stimulation of the Gardner review/article which I will take into my review.

I hope that next Tuesday the NY TIMES will carry the Bill Broad article on government psi work (based on Ebon, McRae and the new Targ-Harary book). Broad read me his article on the phone and I was amazed to see him quote Kurtz in favor of government research. This should anger Randi and Klass when they see it. Maybe even Gardner, heh heh.

Is your remote viewing bibliography in the Targ-Harary book? I remain interested in publishing it in ZS if it is not there.

Any word from Ray Hyman re his ganzfeld review? I have not spoke to Ray in a couple of months.

ZS#12 is obviously running quite late. Still hope to have it at least to the printer before this month is out.

Best,

Marcello

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Jan. 16, 1984

Dear George,

Just sent you a blank disk in return for the one you just sent me with Houck's ESP game on it. Thanks.

I owe you a proper letter but rushed at this moment and just sending you copies of the two stories in my file at the time the Bender M.D. scandal broke. I am sure there is follow-up stuff, but I have relied on Hoebens and Hövelmann for the rest.

The NY TIMES piece caused a bit of a stir. There should be both TIME and NEWSWEEK items this coming week. Also, Ted Koppel's NIGHTLINE show got in touch with me along with everybody else. Unclear if a show will result.

Meanwhile, we all wait for the NOVA show about to come out next Tuesday. Probably will be different from its HORIZON (BBC) counterpart. But the ad in TV GUIDE makes it appear the show will be generally positive, If so, that should upset Kurtz & Co.

Thanks for the JSPR stuff you sent re bandaged eye vision. Have not even had a chance to go check my files to see if I had it, but I presumably missed it since you probably checked the bib in my paper.

Appreciate your encouragement re my psi-conjurors paper. Perhaps your PF idea would be the best possibility. I will write them later this week.

I enclose a copy of some stuff just received from Stillings re Richards.

If your remote viewing somehow is not in the Targ-Harary book, I'd like to have it for ZS, as you probably know.

Randi is on the anti-side for the AAAS panel, and Krippner is giving the pro side. Also will have Hynek vs. Oberg and a pair debating SETI matters. Randi was probably the first that Sinclair asked to be on it. Randi suggested Krippner. In a way it might have been best to ignore the invitation, but then someone like Rogo would probably have accepted. So, it is best this way, especially since Krippner will gave a very conservative presentation, I am sure.

Will write more later, but that hits the high points.

Best, Marcello

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10 January 1984

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for your excellent comments on my Cox paper. It is certainly the best feedback I have received.

You might want to look at the most recent issue of Co-Evolution Quarterly. They have an expose of Muktananda and another report on a scandal in a Zen center. They are quite well done pieces.

Your conjurors paper sounds like it is really getting to be good. In some ways, I do hope that you do not publish it as a CSAR monograph simply because it is not so likely to be seen by people. It does not seem too likely that many university libraries would get it.

Have you had any correspondence with the PF? If they were to put on a conference, your paper would certainly make an impressive contribution to a book. If they did not want to do the conference, what about a PF monograph? The PF monograph would not be ideal, but it would get some distribution.

In any event, I think your paper is very important and should be placed in a forum that will be widely accessible.

Giesler told me that certain smoke detectors contain a part that uses some type of dust that emits alpha particles. The dust can be put on the hands. If the hands or fingers are brought near the back of a camera, crude shapes and be traced out which will appear on film. I have not tried this myself, and I don't have any more details. It certainly seems like a nice trick and one that Eisenbud does not seem to be aware of. Why don't you ask around among the PEA members to see if they have heard of this.

You might be right about Bender not having his M.D. But the charge seems very serious. If it is true, I would hope that the PA would take some action. I have written to Hovelmann, to see if he has anything on this. (Hovelmann sent me a fair amount on Cox, etc.)

My (favorable) comments on the recent _SI_ were meant primarily for the _articles_ by Gardner and Hoebens. I do think that you came out second best in your exchange with Gardner. Unless you have enough space to competely present the case and rebut his points, you will almost certainly lose. Gardner can easily weasel or lie his way out in the pages of _SI_. Likewise, I am glad I did not attend this last PA and try to respond to Cox.

Hope you do get to visit Uri. It should be a very interesting visit.

Have you had any further luck in making connections with Kreskin?

Stillings new journal _Archaeus_ looks rather nice; I am not at all pleased with Tom Richards' article. I thought Dennis would have better sense than that.

My remote viewing bib is supposed to be in the Targ-Harary book, but I have not seen anything of it yet.

I have not heard a thing about Hyman's ganzfeld review. It was supposed to have arrived months ago.

I heard that Randi has been invited to speak at a AAAS symposium. Is there anything that can be done to stop this????

In your article on project Alpha, do you plan to cover anything about Berthold Schwarz? A _lot_ of ethical points could be made with this case.

Looking forward to your review of Collins and Pinch.

With Best Regards,

George

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Dear Marcello:

Thank you for your post card. I ran into some problems regarding the book on psi controversy. I had a contract with McFarland for its publication. Unfortunately Martin Gardner refused to give permission to print his on the ground that I am pro psi and that the pro psi people have the final word. He apparently sent copies of that letter to other skeptics whose papers I was planning to print. As a consequence, Girden withdrew his paper. All this scared my publisher who feared that the volume would be less representative than we had hoped it to be.

I was negotiating with other publishers without any luck. I will try some more but I am not very hopeful.

I am revising my paper to BBS with hopes that it may be finally approved. I do appreciate your support and the helpful comments.

With all good wishes for 1984,

Yours sincerely,

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20 Janurary 1984

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for the pieces on Bender and Richards.

Stillings has sent me a set of pictures taken at a SORRAT seance. It appears that Richards is entranced while committing some obvious "fraud". It seems likely that Richards was not aware of what he was doing because he allowed the pictures to be taken. As such, perhaps the word "fraud" is not appropriate.

I was very pleased with the NOVA show. I expect that Kurtz & Co. should be quite unhappy.

Do you have The Unexplained #42 (with the pictures of the linked rings on the cover)? Patric Giesler showed me part of the article and I would like to get the entire piece.

Do you know if Hoebens has reported to Marilyn Schlitz the breach of protocol in the remote viewing experiment. When the experiment is finished, I think that he has a responsibility to tell her.

With best regards,

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Dear George,

Glad you got the photos directly from Stillings. Most interesting stuff. I am inclined to agree with you that Richard's was an unconscious fraud since he allowed the photos. However, it may simply be that he is that audacious.

The NOVA show was very slanted towards psi which I did not mind. Except for Ray Hyman, the critics looked a bit foolish. But I was upset by the last half of the show which was too much of an advertisement for applied psi, particularly Mobius and the Delphi Associates. Obviously, all the embarrassing stuff like metal bending, Alpha, Geller, was left out. Kurtz and Randi were prominently absent, too. I liked the way the serious psi researchers were handled, but I was upset by the free ads for Schwartz and for Tart & Harary. After all, that work has lots of real problems.

I enclose (a) a copy of the article on the linked rings found in THE UNEXPLAINED #42, and (b) a copy of my letter to DISCOVER about its piece (a copy of which I also enclose in case you failed to see it). I also enclose the TIME piece in case you missed that.

As I understand it, Hoebens has never heard from Marilyn Schlitz about the "results" of the remote viewing experiment they conducted. He has asked me if I have heard anything (which I have not, and she was also supposed to write me, I believe). I am sure Piet Hein would not allow her to publish the results or anything like that without full disclosure to her about her violation of the protocols. By the way, I hope you were among those to whom Piet Hein sent his "Dear Parapsychologists" letter re the Bender business. Piet Hein said he would be contacting you, but (and I ask you to keep this confidential) he is having some private problems which have sharply curtailed his correspondence efforts. So, if you don't hear from him right away, don't hold that against him. (His problems have nothing whatsoever to do with psi research matters. He only has mentioned these to me so that I will understand his cut-back on our correspondence.)

The late night TV news show NIGHTLINE is supposed to run a show on the government psi stuff shortly (filmed last week). The pot is really getting stirred up in this area.

I enclose a copy of what I found to be a most interesting letter from T.A. Waters, the creator of many mentalist effects and someone well

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known in conjuring-mentalist circles. I share with this with you privately because I think you will find it of special interest. His views are quite unusual and quite fascinating, I think. But I doubt that they are unique among mentalists. I look forward to your comments on his views.

Finally, let me mention that I found two new sources of strange books which I urge you to write to. (1) Rex; P.O. Box 1258; Berkeley, CA 94704 (send a 37¢ stamped and self addressed envelope); and (2) Al Fry; 22511 Markham; Perris, CA 92370 (send $1). Fry seems to have all sorts of weird psychotronic and radionics sorts of stuff and "folios" on all kinds of bizarre things in which we both are interested. I still await the stuff from Rex, but Fry's catalogs are really wild! I heard about these through THE ANSWER MAN NEWSLETTER which Anton LaVey sent me recently. Really neat stuff which I am sure you will enjoy seeing.

More anon.

Best,

Marcello

Marcello Truzzi

P.S. As you can see, I finally got my CSAR stationery printed. I am now going to have a brochure printed up.

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Dear Marcello,

Hope the CSICOP conference was worth attending.

In a few days you and your family should receive a package from me. It is just a small thank-you for your hospitality.

In addition there is another package also on its way. I thought you might be one of the few people for whom it might be appropriate. If not, use it for a dunce prize or something.

Best,

George

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Dear Marcello,

It was good to talk with you again this afternoon.

Enclosed is a book review. I would like your opinion on it. Do you think it too sharp? Both Randi and Persi are mentioned. In our discussions you had suggested that Randi should be treated as a clown, the last phrase in the review attempts to do that; does it achieve its objective?

Auerbach is out at JFK. It might be useful for him to be in touch with Waters.

I discussed the Schlitz-Hoebens experiment with Dr. Rao. He felt as you did, so we will probably go ahead and do the analysis. Broughton won't be back for over a week, so I don't think it will be done for at least two weeks at the earliest. I don't even know if we have the data here to analyse. At this time, I have no plan to write either Hoebens or Schlitz regarding the situation.

At SERPA I will be presenting a short paper on magic for parapsychologits. This should be expanded and then submitted to PR.

With best regards,

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for the great packet of stuff you sent.

I agree with you that NOVA was slanted towards psi. There are quite a few people who, like you, were not pleased with the free ads for Mobius and Delphi. If I were Tony Edwards, I think that I would have included them to liven up the show. (personally, I could not recommend to most people to invest in such ventures). The critics, Hansel and Marks, did look silly. I am quite sure that Edwards fully intended this, he is a very sharp guy.

Thanks for the Unexplained material on the linked rings. Fortunately (?) there was not much on them in the issue.

Also thanks for the Discover piece. I had not seen it. YOur response was quite to the point. I'll bet that they won't publish it, because it would put them in a bad light.

The Hoebens-Schlitz experiment has now put me in a rather awkward position. Marilyn has just sent the data to us for analysis (or at least requested that we do it). We are probably the only place that has the capability to analyze the experiment (Jim Kennedy developed a specialized computer program for this). What do you think I should do??? It would not be ethical for us to provide a "p" value knowing that the experiment could be quite fatally flawed.

I did receive a copy of Hoebens "Dear Parapsychologists" letter. Hoebens may be right about Bender; I have had a bit of correspondence with Hovelmann about it. All in all, it seems to be rather unclear, but for me to come to any firm conclusion about the matter, I would have to spend quite a bit more time investigating. The definitive piece has not been presented by either side. The effort that would be involved is just not worth it to me. In any case, I will try not hold this dispute against Hoebens.

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However Hoebens "explanation" of his remark about pretending to be a liberal reminds me about incidents in my childhood. After my second brother got done beating my youngest brother he would explain to my mother "gee...we were just having fun, Mom".

Given Hoebens' close association with CSICOPers, and your recent letter to Martin Gardner (as a typical illustration of CSICOP method) does Hoebens really expect us to believe that his remarks were "just a joke"?

That he came out directly and admitted his remark is to his credit, and my opinion of him is improved.

How did you meet T.A. Waters? He seems exceptionally knowledgeable. Has he had any contact with Loyd Auerbach? Auerbach is now supposedly out at JFK. You mention that his views are "quite unusual". This seems surprising to me that you think so. I would guess that a large number of parapsychologists would agree with nearly everything he had to say.

Thanks for the leads on the book catalogs, lists, etc.

Have you written to the locksmith yet? Cox is due to come to Durham 06 Feb, and will probably be away from Rolla for at least a week and maybe two. Now would be a good time to write him. If you don't please let me know and I will. (I would rather not have Cox available to "coach" the locksmith)

All the best,

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20 February 1984

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for the post card. The review of Randi's ESP testing book does not claim that Diaconis prepared the stat table, but only that "We are told that the statistical table was... "

Perhaps Persi will write a letter after the review is printed so that he can clarify the situation. It would be nice to have one of the critics document another lapse by Randi.

Have you looked at John Randall's book Psychokinesis? Pages 188-191 have a bit on magicians (as do a few other pages).

Hoebens critique of Bender on the "Bergengruens Uncle" case appears quite ridiculous.

I have prepared another (sharper) draft of my critque of Cox and sent it to him. Beloff gave me permission to quote him saying that Cox's experiment presents a prima facie case for matter through matter.

All the best,

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10 March 1984

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Dear Marcello,

I hope things are going well for you. I assume that you have been quite busy with ZS and other projects.

Rex Research and Fry's has some great stuff. Right now, the only interesting things to me are Fry's "ELF Waves" piece by Bob Beck and Riley Crabb.

If you really get interested in this type stuff, you might want to consider attending the U.S. Psychotronics Association conventions. But I should warn you that even I got "weirded out" at one of them.

The McRae book has a lot of errors. But it is "interesting and fun" to read. If promoted, I would certainly think that it would do well. I did a review of it during our weekly research meeting here and read some of the good parts "...paranormal mutilation of the human female.", " ...cabal of Argentinian Nazis in a Sufi monestary in Afganistan.", etc. I suspect that this went beyond the normally acceptable level of weirdness.

I have been corresponding a bit with Hovelmann. He seems to be a good guy, but rather naive about CSICOP.

Hope you noted your mention in Magick.

Has Moseley published Smear in the past six months? I wrote to him quite a while ago, but never got a reply.

With best regards,

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27 February 1984

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Dear Marcello,

Hope you are progressing well on ZS.

I have just read (quickly) Hyman's ganzfeld paper. I certainly could not term it "devastating." Anyone familiar with the original reports would not be very disturbed by it. Hyman criticizes several things but then turns right around and does the same thing himself!! Chuck will be pointing this out in his reply. I would rate Ray's effort as fair to good, much better than Hansel but not anywhere close to Akers' piece. Ray was also rather redundant in quite a few places.

In your conjuring and psychical research piece you might want to mention Randi's criticism of Henning (re TM).

I assume that you have seen the Omni article on Barbara Honegger, as well as the Psychology Today piece on CSICOP.

Omni recently mentioned Loompanics. Did you have anything to do with that?

I just sent Cox a copy of my critique. I await his comments before revising. Then Beloff will get a copy, among others; then revised and sent to the PA.

All the best,

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p.s. New Realities has a big article on Targ.

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An Independent Scientific Review of Claims of Anomalies and the Paranormal

Marcello Truzzi, *Editor*

Nov. 13, 1983

Dear George,

First, let me thank you for the lovely rotisserie cooker and the wild doll. It was certainly very nice of you (and most unexpected). Pat and I are very happy to have the cooker and look foward to making some of the recipes. Frankly, George, I feel a bit guilty about getting such a nice gift from you since I have done nothing worthy of it for you, but time should allow us an occasion for appropriate reciprocity.

I owe you a substantial letter regarding the CSICOP conference, but I have been ill this last week and everything has piled up for me. I think I will write up a little personal newsletter/poopsheet for you and other friends awaiting the story of that occasion. Should get that out this week to several of you. Basically, it went very well. Everyone was charming and sugar-coated. Bob Morris was terrific. Everyone was very impressed with his going into the dragon's den and he handled himself marvelously. Could not have asked for a better performance. Randi dominated things, of course, but he was generally positive about parapsychology and stuck with his distinction between real and pseudoparapsychologists.

I enclose a copy of an excellent appendix from Trevor Hall's book on Edward Brown's card magic. You should find this very useful.

Where in the world did you get wild doll? That's about the most bizarre toy I've seen in a long while. Delighted to have it for my collection, of course.

I was surprised to learn that Dennis Rawlins has gotten into doing magic, too. He has invented a number of nice effects including some key bending tricks. A real highlight of the conference was Daryl Bem's mentalist performance. I really was impressed by Bem and hope to correspond heavily with him in the future. Very bright and a very nice guy. I gather he and Honorton have hit it off, too. We need people like that in psi research.

I must run now, but I did want to get this off to you right away. I should be able to get more out to you by the end of this week. The week after the CSICOP conference, I was pretty tied up with Hoebens visiting me here for 5 days, and the following week was an administrative nightmare. So, everything seems to have gotten behind schedule.

Thanks again.

Best,

Marcello

Marcello Truzzi

P.S. I enclose some other items of likely interest.

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Dear Marcello,

It was good talking with you the other night. I hope you had a good trip to the Maclab.

Enclosed is a copy of my SERPA paper. I am revising it for Parapsychology Review. Any suggestions you have (especially for additions) would be appreciated.

Have you seen the April 1984 issue of American Atheist? In it is an article by R. J. Hornswaggler on the shroud of Turin. It is very much in the style of Randi.

There are a number of reasons not to trust Hoebens.

First, his attack on Bender has been quite unfair--specifically on the case of Bergengruen's Uncle. Hovelmann reported that the translation that I saw was essentially correct. This was a classic Martin Gardner type criticism. Hoebens might be correct, but clearly his criticism was quite reprehensible.

Secondly, his comment at the CSICOP banquet is quite revealing. As I told you, Akers did not understand this to be a joke. In your letter to me of 11/28/83 you said "Piet Hein meant it partly in humor and partly in truth" (my emphasis).

Thirdly, his handling of the Schlitz experiment demonstrates his deceptiveness. Hoebens is extremely knowledgeable on RV methodology (as shown by his comments on the Karnes article). When Hoebens says that a big mistake was made by Schlitz, one must take the comments very seriously. Now he is apparently claiming it to be a minor matter. As coexperimenter, Hoebens had a responsibility to report the mistake directly to Marilyn he did not do this. Instead he reported it to you, Randi, and who knows who else. Even if he wished to delay reporting to

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Marilyn, the most he should have done was tell it to you or another scientist with demonstrated integrity. Blabbing to Randi was clearly wrong. Finally Hoebens telephoned Marilyn. I do not know exactly what was said. Marilyn quickly called Dr. Rao. Dr. Rao told me that Marilyn told him that Hoebens said that someone at the FRNM was spreading rumors that there was something wrong with the Schlitz-Hoebens RV experiments. The only information Marilyn had at that time came from Hoebens. I must conclude that he was not straightforward with her.

Given Hoebens behavior, I can only conclude that he really meant what he said at the CSICOP banquet.

Furthermore, given his policy of deception, I see no reason I or any other parapsychologist would benefit by corresponding with him.

All the best,

George

5/10/84

Dear George,

You might like to know I am scheduled to appear on the Phil Donahue Show opposite Targ and Harary on May 23.

Hope all goes well with you. Have you seen Al Mann's stuff on doing seances in which he claims to show the Palladino method re levitation? I hope to soon have most of Mann's stuff. Much too expensive to purchase directly, I am afraid, since he runs about $35 per manuscript. Will let you know if it is what it claims to be.

What you think of Trevor Hall's new book on Home?

Cheers, Marcello

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05 May 1984

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Dear Marcello,

I do not have a California address for Barbara Honegger. Patric Giesler, who keeps in touch with her, does not have one either. His impression is that she will return to Calif. at the end of the Jackson campaign.

I just got the CSICOP appeal for support. So I sent them a copy of the enclosed cartoons.

As you asked, I did mention your question about application to Rao. He did not have any examples of where application won acceptance. His point was that in the case of psi, where only some people may be able to elicit it, we might expect that application could lead to acceptance. For instance if Russ Targ became a millionaire through psi, more outside interest would be generated. This could lead to increased research (and more "acceptance" by funding agencies). Of course, just what constitutes "acceptance" is not so simple a matter. Most physical scientists do not view social science as legitimate.

I have a couple questions regarding my magic paper. A post card is enclosed for your convenience. Has Martin Gardner performed magic professionally? (gotten paid) Has Diaconis ever published on magic?

Hope you have fun on your trip.

All the best,

George

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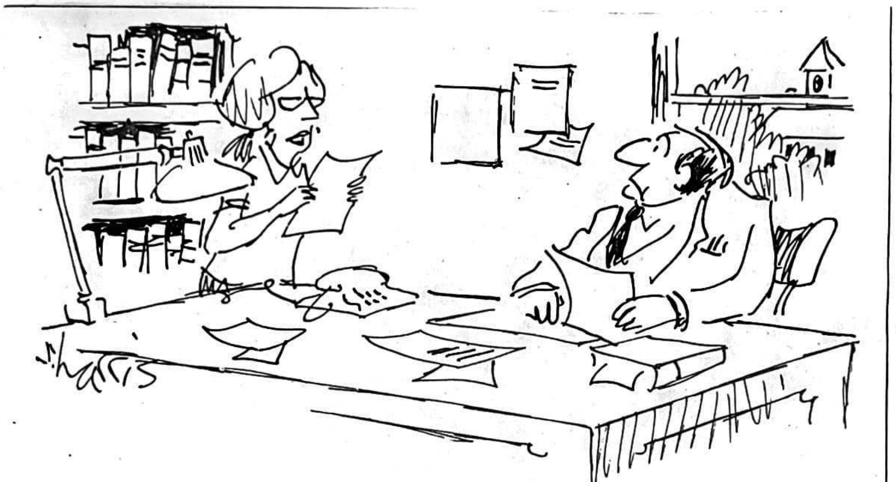

"They discovered that your research is fraudulent, so your grant will be funded in counterfeit bills."

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28 May 1984

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Dear Marcello,

Hope that you had a good trip to California. Any important news?

I read in Magick that there has been some problem in PEA. How is it doing now? Will it break up?

The stations around here did not carry you on Donahue on 23 May. We have people checking TV guide to see when you will be scheduled.

As you may have already heard, Dr. Rao will be leaving to assume the vice-chancellorship of Andhra University (equivalent to presidency). He is tentatively taking the post for three years and will still retain ultimate control here.

Randi wrote me that Gardner has not performed professionally as a magician.

Did you happen to find out whether Diaconis has published in magic periodicals?

All the best,

George

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22 May 1984

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Dear Marcello,

We will all be watching you tomorrow. (even video taping it)

I have not seen Al Mann's stuff on Palladino levitation. Let me know if it's any good.

Enclosed is a flyer I thought you might find of interest. Looks like this guy might beat you to the idea of a psychic club.

I know that you have collected quotes. Who said "To this reviewer, at least, the Geller case has long since passed the point where it is sensible to doubt that Geller possesses paranormal powers..."?

Have not yet had a chance to read further in Trevor Hall's book on Home.

All the best,

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I will not contend that I work "miracles" but I think our activity as advanced psychologist may be useful to some people in search of a new way of life, far away from sects, fanatism and intolerance ...

I would like you to let me know about your activities, publications and whether I might join you, contribute articles, inform about French parapsychology, and leave an advertisement or message in your Newsletters as I am looking for American Pen-friends.

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03 July 1984

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Dear Marcello,

Hope things are going well for you and that you are getting a lot accomplished.

I caught the Donahue show. Thanks for sending the schedule. I must take issue with your assertion that the bib in The Mind Race was not complete. We included only published studies. The Karnes study you mentioned (his first) was not a remote viewing procedure because it was not free response. We also excluded a number of studies by Targ and Puthoff with mini-targets because these were not geographical locations.

This past weekend I attended the IBM convention.

I will be out of here at the end of August (if not before). No idea as to where I might end up. John Palmer will start here on a part-time basis in Sept.

Saw that you were elected to an office in the PEA.

All the best,

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July 5, 1984

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Dear George,

Got your letter of July 3 today. All in all, things are going well, but I am not, alas, getting as much done as needs to be, including getting ZS#12 out. But things creep forward...

Re the Donahue show, the point I was making is that the bib in THE MIND RACE is not complete. I was in no way attacking your own attempt at thoroughness but Targ's repeated statements about the completeness of his survey and his claims re the replication level. The simple fact is that Targ is willing to count all sorts of dubious anecdotal cases (in his book) as evidential and constantly refers to unpublished stuff (e.g., his silver market "study") in his favor, but no attempt on his part (at least; I do not know what attempts you may have made) was made to contact the skeptics about their unpublished (or out-of-the-way published) negative papers. Part of the confusion was my own. When I was in Palm Springs just before going on the Donahue show, Ed May and I were talking about the bibliography in the T&H book, and he told me that it was incomplete and edited. I later realized (after the show) that the editing referred to taking out the annotations for the studies which were present in your own full version. As for the matter of completeness, there is a problem with what we mean by "published." From my point of view, the master's thesis written under Marks's direction (by Mitchell as I recall; I have a copy but am not now bothering to check the name) constitutes a published work just as does a doctoral dissertation since it is available to the public and indexed elsewhere. I also think it highly likely that there were papers delivered on remote viewing at minor and regional psychological association conferences and such. The point is, especially in light of the fact that negative results are hard to publish anywhere in normal psychology, Targ shows no evidence that any serious attempt was made to locate the negative studies. And, of course, Targ keeps talking about a 70% or 2/3 level of replication when even the positive cases in your bibliography are not anywhere of equal or even comparable evidential value (or even of comparable detail). Looking back, I regret my lack of clarity in my statement about the incompleteness of the bib, but in terms of overall meaninng intended, and in terms of literal detail of my statement, I stick to it. (Perhaps I should also mention the absence of the "mixed results" paper by Hyman and McClennon which I have scheduled for ZS and which is known to many people in the r.v. area in the form of a pre-print. Again, the issue concerns the word "published," but I don't believe Targ qualified his description of the bib in his book as containing only the publshed stuff.) This reply to you may be inadequate for you, and I do admit I wish I had worded my statement in a way that would eliminate all ambiguity, but given the pressures during such a live show, I hope you will consider my transgression here a minor one.

I do now plan to go ahead with my collaborative and constructive --I hope-- review of the remote viewing work. I am especially sorry that Dick Kammann had his heart attack when he did since his death precludes his collaboration. I think he was looking forward to participation in this project. I had put Honorton in touch with Dick, and I think they got along. Dick had only recently come to realize that there were some capable and serious researchers in parapsychology, and I was looking forward to his further enlightenment.

I got the news today that Milbourne Christopher died about 3 weeks ago. I gather he had previous heart problems which he kept quiet about lest it affect his image. He was 70. I wonder what will become of his vast library. I understand from Randi that some of it will join the Mullholland collection at the Players Club in NYC.

I am pleased to report that Marilyn Schlitz seems to have patched up with Hoebens, and I likely will publish their joint report in ZS in the future.

How come you are leaving FRNM? I did not expect you depart so soon. Disenchanted? I suspect your little conflict with Cox may have something to do with your going.

I am also surprised to hear that Palmer is coming to FRNM on a part-time basis. I heard he was going there but assumed it was a full-time deal. I hope that this does not mean John was unable to find a full-time job for next year.

Yes, I did get elected to the Board of the PEA. A sort of revolution took place, and I am one of those picked to help pick up the pieces. I am now the Vice-President. One good thing, this new position may make it better for me to try to get the liasson going with the PA that I have been wanting from the PEA.

I recently got Bob Mason's wonderful remote viewing effect called Postal Mental. I recommend it highly. Very clever effect using post cards picked by the audience which are then r.v.ed by the mentalist.

Not really that much else new. As you can seem, I am finally using my word processor recently purchased (a Kaypro 4). Love it so far, Hope it will help me catch up, including on the long overdue review of the Collins-Pinch book for you and the JP. (By the way, C&P just finished a manuscript on CSICOP and its methods. Heh, heh...

Spoke to Randi today (about Christopher's death mainly). Randi says that the full story on the defamatory material on him will soon break. He claims the culprits squealed on one another when the feds went to them. I gather that at least 4 people were involved that Randi says also attended the AAAS session. He mentioned no names, but I got the clear impression that he thinks Uphoff is among the culprits. Of course, Randi may be handing me a line of bullshit, but time will tell. According to Randi, the culprits gave themselves away when they tried to get him off the AAAS panel.

Have you seen Kreskin's new book? I like the way he uses ESP to mean extra-sensitive perception. I am going to follow a similar path, I think, in describing my own mentalist effects as due to extended sensory perception.

Let me know where you are going next, etc., and keep in touch.

As for ZS#12, I expect to have it out this month. Amen and knock wood.

Best,

Marcello

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Dear Marcello,

Good to hear from you. Its good to know that you now have a word processor; I'm sure that you will find it quite valuable.

Have you been to Minneapolis to speak to Stillings' group yet?

I have been working on my response for ZS 13. I have comments of Eisenbud, Hasted, Braude, Rockwell, Collins, Akers and Randi. Are there any others?

My article on magic for parapsychologists will be in the Sept-Oct PR.

While Bob Morris was here in June, he showed us the book Secrets by Sissela Bok. Have you seen it? (New York: Pantheon, 1982).

Congratulations on your post in PEA!

Re the Donahue show, I have no problem with your inaccurate statement on TV; what concerns me is your apparent view of the bib in the book. As far as I am concerned, it is complete within the scope specified in the intro to the bib. All published RV work was listed as far as I am aware.

We did not include masters theses. I do not consider them "published" for the purposes of the bib.

Marilyn and I have written many letters and made a concerted attempt to locate unpublished material. The critics were most uncooperative. We wrote both Marks and Kammann explaining our project. We were given no indication that Marks' grad student had done a study. We also wrote yourself (March 1982) and received no report. Moss and Butler concluded their response to us with " a career in E.S.P. can only lead to frustration or skullduggery". Although they had indicated that they had done research on RV, they did not send us anything on it. It appears that the critics' work is largely non-public and hence should not be taken seriously (similar to the charge Christopher Scott made regarding the SRI work).

It might interest you to know that we did locate a very positive series of studies done by a grad student of Beloff. This was not included in the published bib.

It is quite unfair to use some of the studies by skeptics when disputing Targ's claim of 70%. Certainly Marks and Karnes set up their studies to fail (it would not be unreasonable to think they did that intentionally, esp. Karnes).

On the other hand, I essentially agree with your position regarding replication of RV. The arguement chosen should depend upon the forum. Clearly in a scientific forum the 70% figure is totally meaningless. For a general audience you might wish to dispute the lack of replication of the silver market predictions. Harary mentioned that RV was a subtle phenomena that needed more research however, 70% is really quite robust and they should be making millions if the effects are really as strong as they say (even if they are the only people who can RV at 70% success)

I am very sorry to hear of the death of Kammann. He certainly seemed to be getting more reasonable. He is clearly a loss.

The "official" reason I am leaving the FRNM is that my research fellowship is finished, and thus I am being terminated. Because this is quite unusual I certainly suspect that my critique of Cox is the real reason for termination. I am certainly not disenchanted with the field; however I am quite disgusted with Rao. Rao became very upset with my review of Cox's work. I have never ever seen him that mad! I will show you the memo he wrote me on it.

I suspect that Palmer was not able to find a full-time position.

Did get to the IBM convention in Norfolk. It was really worthwhile. The dealers had a lot of pseudo-PK effects.

I refereed the Schwarz paper on Nuzum (Shaw's colleague) for Archaeus. It was just awful. Essentially it was page after page of descriptions of effects out of magic books, magazines, and catalogs!

See you at the PA?

All the best,

George

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Dear Marcello:

Thanks for your paper on Alpha. I have made my comments on it and marked them with paper clips.

I just returned from the PA and PF Wednesday night. I assume that you have already heard about Feynmann's comments.

Randi, Hyman, and Alcock put in their appearances, but their interaction with others was quite limited. Alcock smiled a lot, admitted some errors in his book, but did not seem particularly interested in the data.

There was an interesting workshop on psi researchers in industry. Scott Jones, Hal Puthoff, Jack Houck, and Dean Radin presented.

Clearly there is growing interest in practical applications of psi. I expect that there will be some friction in the PA regarding this.

The PK party roundtable went well. My skeptical presentation was well received. Your suggestions were most helpful.

Randi presented at the roundtable on the Columbus, Ohio poltergeist case. Many people thnik that he slandered Fred Shannon, a photographer who investigated that case.

My Cox critique presentation went well. Cox was given 10 minutes to respond. His rebuttal could only be characterized as "rather sad." Beloff didn't say one word to me the entire conference!

Lots of JFK students attended. I think that about 20% of those in attendence had some connection with JFK.

I attended the PF conference in New Orleans. Rather dull. John Palmer presented a paper on critics and criticisms.

All the best,

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Dear Marcello,

It was good to talk with you yesterday. Your suggestions on PK-party issues were exeellent.

Stebbins sent me a copy of the title page from his book (see enclosed page).

Also enclosed is a short bib on SHC prepared by Beuford Jones of the English department at Duke. I think that he prepared a longer one but is not currently able to locate it. You might want to write him. My impression is that he has little or no current interest in the topic.

The RV bib is enclosed. I expect to talk with Marilyn and Charly at the PA regarding where we might publish it. ZS is a possiblity. I sent Ray Hyman a copy some time ago.

Psi-M (May 1984, page 92) had a short account of the PEA meeting. How did they get that info?

You mentioned that Ray Hyman was disenchanted by his ganzfeld review. Sound like a typical phase reviewers go through. Akers went through a similar period. Akers has had some very good observations on his own psychology while doing critical work. I hope he and Ray will have a chance to discuss these things at some length.

All the best,

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Dear Marcello,

I was good talking with you last week. Hope the holidays are going well for you.

I just received McClenon's manuscript "The Entity Letters." I will forward it on to you after Christmas. I hope that you will get a chance to read it; I found it quite fun.

The book with Cox's mini-lab is: Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers by John Fairley & Simon Welfare. (William Collins, 8 Grafton Street, London, W1)

I am reviewing Psychic Paradoxes for JASPR. I will send you a copy for your comments before I submit it.

Booth indicates that Dunninger did not really believe that he had psychic abilities. You claim that Walter Gibson indicates that Dunninger really did believe it. Do you think that I should contact Gibson regarding this?

Are you familiar with Tan Books (P.O. Box 424, Rockford, IL 61105)? They are a Catholic press with quite a bit on miracles. Much is not very critical, but it is worth knowing about them.

Have you seen Rogo's latest? (The grammatical corrections of McConnell's memo to council) What a circus!!

With best regards,

George

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Dear Marcello:

Hope that you had a happy holiday season and that ZS is progressing well.

Enclosed is a draft of my review of Booth's Psychic Paradoxes. I would appreciate any comment you might have. It is to appear in JASPR.

I will forward the McClenon manuscript to you in a day or two.

During on of my New York visits, I bought Polywater by Felix Franks. If you don't have it, I highly recommend it. (it discusses the polywater controversy, there are a number of parallels with parapsychology)

What's the latest regarding Targ and Harary's allegations about Gardner spreading false rumors? My impression was that you had thought the rumor to be essentially true.

I saw Henning's show in New York. It is a nice production. Am now reading Stebbins' The Magician.

All the best,

George

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Dear Marcello,

Hope you are doing well and that ZS is too.

I mentioned your question regarding the PRL Psilab // Apple computer package to Chuck Honorton. He said that he wanted to call you and discuss it directly with yourself.

Yesterday I got over to the Princeton library and got the Pinch and Collins article on CSICOP. It was nice to see the term "scientific-vigilante" in print.

This past week I have been doing some programming. Now I have a "computerized SORRAT" with mimi-lab, dancing pens and linking rings! I will be taking it with me to SERPA later this week. Also I have a "Jehova's Coffeebox", a combination of Harris Walker's Jehova Machine and the Cox Cube Containing Cofeebox.

Are you making any progress on your thoughts concerning the problem of psi as negatively defined? My own view is that this is a non-problem. It is an issue that critics seem to raise so that they can spend time philosophizing (which is far easier than actually confronting the data). As Pinch and Collins point out, it is far safer to criticize when not doing science. Until it can be shown that the "negative definition problem" affects research, I see no need to spend time considering it.

All the best,

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Dear Marcello:

Hope that you had a good time in California. Is there any date set for the paraphysics piece?

I just finished reading Targ, Targ, and Harary "Moscow-San Francisco Remote Viewing Experiment" in *Psi Research*. It is total garbage. They are even marketing a video-tape for $375 plus $10 handling!!! The methodology is screwed up and the statistics are completely wrong. Rex Stanford and Don McCarthy are planning to write a letter to the editor. Hyman and company should be able to have a lot of fun with this one.

Also on the skeptical front, I have written a rather "sharp" letter to *Theta* about the article by Giovetti on Rol, the medium. The article reads as though she was describing a magic performance. It might be one to keep in mind for your conjurors and psychical research article.

Have you seen Advances 4? Chuck Akers' critique is by far the best overall criticism that has ever been published. I do hope that the outside critics will read it.

I expect to be here for a few more months now.

All the best,

George

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Dear Marcello:

Thanks for the card. Sounds like you had a good trip.

I have been reading *Religious Mysteries of the Orient* by Ormond McGill and Ron Ormond. There is a very positive chapter on psychic surgery in it. How do magicians regard this? Certainly McGill has published a fair amount in magic. I certainly think that it would be worth mentioning in your conjuring piece.

I am pursuing the Giovetti article thing. I have had a response from Rhea and plan to respond to her; I just have not decided whether to call Bill and her incompetent directly or be slightly more tactful. I'll write to Hovelmann for his advice. I am very tempted to send a copy of the article to Martin Gardner so that he might mention it in his *SI* column, but I have decided against that.

Best,

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for the bib. It looks like a useful piece of work. Section 3--Selected Physics Publications Especially Relevant to Paraphysics is unique as far as I know.

I do have a very strong objection to Section 6--Paraphysics Periodicals. You have included four psychotronics publications (Hieronymous, Herbert, Specula, and USPA Newsletter). These are vastly different (both sociologically and theoretical orientation) than all the rest of the bib. The other area might be described as "philosophical-consciousness-quantum mechanical". The psychotronics people have virtually no contact with this group (there is some contact, for instance Walker and Rauscher might go to their meetings--but primarily for the parties). I think that anyone that sent away for the psychotronics periodicals would get an entirely incorrect impression of "paraphysics".

If you were to inclue the psychotronics stuff, the bib would need to be vastly expanded. I would think that the Kirlian work would then be relevant.

If you want to keep just to the "philosophical-consciousness-quantum mechanical" area, there are a number of items you might want to include--Koestler's The Roots of Coincidence, Hasted's The Metal Benders. I think that Stephen Philips has published a book titled something like Extrasensory Perception of Quarks (probably published by Quest).

If you are trying to include physicists who have published in parapsychology you might include David Phillips (of Morris, Nanko, and Phillips). (in the JP in the last 3 years) Joe Rush is a physicist.

You might also be able to find something in the JSPR by Lord Rayleigh and J. J. Thompson. Thompson did publish something of an autobiography as I recall. It seemed to have something on psi in it (I know that it discussed dowsing briefly). F.J.M. Stratton was a physicist as was Rushton (I think), both were SPR presidents.

Warcollier was a chemical engineer (not a physicist, but neither is Bob Jahn). Arthur Ellison is an electrical engineer (I think that Anita Gregory's stuff with Mathew Manning was done at his lab).

Dick Bierman is a physicist and has published extensively in parapsychology.

Chari has published a lot on quantum mechanics and parapsychology. I only noticed one reference for him. He was even publishing on it back in 1955 in the JP.

Brian Millar's primer in the EJP is cited frequently and should be listed. Also the paper discussing thermodynamic considerations (I forget the authors--Martin and someone as I recall) could be listed.

Toben, Sarfatti, and Wolf did Space, Time and Beyond. I think that's the title; wish I had my personal library available to check this stuff.

Beal also has a chapter in Long's Extrasensory Ecology.

I didn't notice any listing for Wilbur Franklin.

Persinger wasn't listed (as far as I could see). He is pretty much in a category by himself. He might have a bit more in common with the psychotronics crowd.

The scope of the bib wasn't entirely clear to me. For instance you included some of Hal Puthoff's experimental work that was not related to physics theorizing.

There are a number of articles of a theoretical nature in the parapsych journals that deal with observational theories. You might want to include these. These would perhaps provide a more direct link to psi phenomena than some of the more philosophical articles appearing elsewhere. I think that von Lucadou's work should definitely be mentioned.

Also, you might want to consider listing some of the experimental reports in parapsych journals that report theory based research on the observational theories (e.g. work by Schmidt, Bierman, Houtkooper, Weiner). Houtkooper's dissertation has been published (it is available from an outlet in Canada) and deals extensively with the OT's.

Richard Mattuck has published in the JSPR and RIP.

Ruderfer has published something on his neutrino theory for ESP.

Turner has published with Osis on the long distance ESP experiment (showing possible attenuation with distance). I think that Turner was a physicist. It was in the JASPR probably late 1960's or early 70's.

Cope has published stuff. As I recall, I cited him in my dowsing piece (JSPR, Oct. 1982).

Anyway, I hope these comments might be of some use.

On another front, Dennis Stillings has been getting into demonology (lots of reading at least). He has written a very sharp letter to McClenon regarding his involvement with the SORRAT and his proposed publication of "The Entity Letters".

All the best,

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for your card of 6/28/85. Sounds like you are keeping busy as usual.

I did get the excellent bib on mentalism.

Auerbach called my about the roundtable for the PA on magic. I do hope that it can be arranged. I suggested that William Rauscher be invited; he lives in the area as I recall. Daryl Bem is the banquet speaker; you might consider him for the panel. Also Persi Diaconis might be someone to consider. If Auerbach can really get all the people to come that he mentioned to me, I would be happy to drop out if the panel seems to be getting a bit overcrowded.

Looking forward to hearing about the CIA stuff from FOIA. Also the satanism business.

Reportedly Stillings is working on an article on SORRAT for Fate.

Hovelmann wrote that Berthold Schwartz published and article in the International Journal of Psychosomatics. It sounds like the one on Nuzum.

Several people are leaving our lab so we are looking for a few more researchers. Chuck has asked me to stick around for a while longer.

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for the bib on crime and the occult. There are a few more references you might want to pursue. Debbi Weiner presented a paper at a SERPA conference on psychics and the police [see JP, 1980, pp. 71-72]. You might want to write her for a copy. There have been several cases involving dowsing in the historical literature. I do not have my references but I seem to recall some mention in Chris Bird's book The Divining Hand. The Barrett and Besterman might also have some info (it has an excellent bib itself).

You might want to contact the American Society of Dowsers too.

Have you tried using any of the on-line computer data bases for your search?

About a month ago I wrote to all the local CSICOP groups requesting info. Some but not all have responded. Have you had contact with any?

Looking forward to seeing you at the PA.

All the best,

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Dear Marcello,

While I was in Durham 2 weeks ago, they were throwing away these issues so I grabbed some for you.

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Dear George,

Good to hear from you as always. And glad to learn you are still working for Chuck.

Re Degen, nothing really to add at this point. Been too busy to get back to my OMNI piece but should be there next week. Do indeed keep me posted re the psi missing in the Cottrell data. Why not ask Ray Hyman for his opinion on it since he is foremost a statistician and might have something interesting to say re such post hoc analysis?

Glad you got the back JINX issues. Just put some more stuff into the computer re my own mentalist listings. Have now gotten a lot of stuff by Al Mann via Milt Kort and also finally got the Basil Horwitz books.

Re Robert Anton Wilson, I just got a catalog of libertarian books with several of Wilson's books listed I had not known about. Will probably get them in due course.
I enjoyed visiting the dowsers convention but was taken aback by the metaphysical and even antiscientific tone of so much there. No attention whatsoever to their critics. Unbelievable crap books for sale there and not one critical work, not even the Vogt&Hyman book, which I think is a bit outrageous in light of the books by people like Bev Jaegers and other such schlock works. It seems the urban dowsers now dominate that scene. A pity since I think dowsing may really have something to it and needs proper dialogue with critics. I had some very good private exchanges with Ray and got him to admit some things like the fact that he would hire a dowser over an engineer under some conditions. Ray and I also discussed his exchange with Honorton to some extent. I think there really is some miscommunication going on at both ends. But I hope this will come out in the upcoming exchanges.

What can you tell me about Einstein's alleged belief in and even practicing of dowsing? He apparently dowsed for pipes occasionally and thought dowsing was valid.

No, I have not forgotten about ZS..... Part of the problem is that right now our house is being torn up with a new roof and skylights construction going on. So stuff is stacked up everywhichway for another week. But it should be well worth it since we have been plagued by winter leak problems for years.

Keep in touch. Best,

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Dear Marcello,

How have you been? Are you teaching a lot of classes?

As you might surmise, I am still working for Chuck.

Peter Degen dropped by last week and brought us up to date with what he has been doing. It seems that he has made some progress and has expanded his bibliography quite a lot (mostly foreign material). He was wondering if you had any further comments.

Ed May also visited last week. We had some further discussions on his IDS model (I am probably the major critic of the model). It will be interesting to see where that might lead.

Re the Cottrell apparent psi missing: Still no reply from Biederman. Randi has responded and is going to look into the matter. The odds are about 1 to 100,000 that the results were due to chance; and the same effect was replicated! Will keep you posted.

Last weekend I got to a small (i.e., rather awful) magic convention. The dealers were not bad; in fact I got the bound three volume set of the Jinx. Also got Christopher's two historical works (Panorama, and Illustrated History).

Next month there is a one-day thing over in Pennsylvania I might try to make. Richard Weibel seems to be involved in putting it on.

I bought Right Where You are Standing Now by Robert Anton Wilson. (It contains the piece you sent around). Good stuff!

All the best,

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for the suggestion to write to Ray about the Cottrell matter. I have just done so.

Got a two page letter from Randi. He added a ps saying "Boy, have I got a big surprise for Uri, Bird, Stillings and Schwarz - and some others - coming up! Watch this space!"

I had written Randi re Nuzum. He didn't have much new info but did have several comments regarding Shaw's interaction with Nuzum.

I wasn't aware that you were planning to attend the dowsers' convention. Had I known, I might have tried getting up there myself. Joe Long lives less than an hour from Danville.

Frankly, I think your suggestion that dowsers get together with the critics is ludicrous. Also, I am rather surprised at your reaction to the whole thing. Do you think all the world is composed of scientists? Do you think much of it even cares about scientists' opinions of their activities?

You characterized Bevy Jaegers works as "schlock". Judged from an ethnocentric (? I'm not sure that's the right word) scientific perspective you may be right. However, her works are not meant to be scientific as far as I know. On the other hand, the Vogt & Hyman book clearly purports to be scientific when it really isn't. The "schlock" characterization certainly applies to it more than to the Jaegers works. You complained that there was not one critical work for sale. How many are available? How well done are they?

You said that there was some miscommunication between Hyman and Honorton. You also mentioned that Ray was foremost a statitician. I certainly hope that he is a better psychologist than statistician. It is very clear that Ray did not know what he was doing with the factor analysis. Saunders clearly demonstrated this. Also Ray's power analysis was done incorrectly as Chuck pointed out on the bottom of page 63. I suspect that these points will become clearer when outside commentary is published.

The "miscommunication" that you perceive is likely only Ray's attempt to cover his incompetent statistical analysis. (I understand that Ray has privately admitted that the factor analysis was wrong) Has Persi had anything to say about Ray's piece?

Regarding Einstein's practicing dowsing--there is a reference to it in Psi Trek by Laile Bartlett. I had written to her about it. I found the copy of my letter to her but was not able to find her reply (I am fairly sure she did respond). Her response might be in my dowsing files someplace (maybe in Durham).

All the best,

George

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Oct. 20, 1985

Dear George,

Thanks for your letter of Oct. 11th.

It will be intereesting to see if Randi ever actually produces his "big surprise" on his antagonists. So far, it's been about 2 years he has been claiming a forthcoming retaliation.

I am surprised at your reaction to my remarks about the dowsers. All I meant was that I had hoped that the society itself would be more protoscientific in character. I realized there would be lots of nuts there, but I expected more sophistaction from the leadership and those like Bird. I was brought there by CBC to "counterpoint" Ray Hyman, and I found that nearly impossible to do since so much there was quite indefensible from any scientific standpoint. I view this as a pity since I rather hoped to learn something positive from my visit. I had always assumed the dowsing community was a mixed-bag, but I expected to see a serious protoscientific wing (like there is in astrology). I also hoped to find some protoscientific leadership coming from the parapsychologists associated with dowsing (like Steve Schwartz and Hal.Puthoff). Instead, I found them regressing to the lower level and Schwartz actually said some rather antiscientific things (e.g., "science is a great tool but a terrible master").

I certainly agree with you that bad science done by scientists deserves stronger criticism than schlock stuff like Jaeger's that does not claim to be science. (We would disagree about how bad Vogt and Hyman's book is. Which reminds me, why don't you write a review of their revised edition for ZS or elsewhere?) What I objected to was a table full of stuff like Jaeger's (which, by the way, may be fraudulent on its own terms since she claims things disputable) with nothing on the negative side represented at all. I remind you that the dowsing journal does claim a protoscientific stance as does the organization, so I think they had some obligation to have negative stuff, too. True, there are few negative book; but they reproduced lots of positive articles for sale, so they could have had some articles on the negative side if they had sought to. The point is —and we would here probably agree— they did not seek to have any dialogue with critics. They were True Believers.

Re Ray's factor analysis errors, I think you overestimate the severity of error there. I am the one who told Chuck that Ray admitted to me that Saunder's criticism was appropriate (Ray got the same criticism elsewhere, he also mentioned). As for Persi, I don't know what he thinks of any of it.

It seems to me that despite Ray's mistakes, his central point is being ignored. That point has two parts: (1) Given the public sophistication of psi researchers about the need for control, why does the ganzfeld data base not contain a single flaw-free experiment? (2) Why has there been no flaw-free ganzfeld experiment run by Honorton (to conform to the criteria for controls both Honroton and Hyman seem to agree about) in the years since Ray brought his criticisms up in Cambridge a couple of years ago? One can do endless meta-analyses and they will remain controversial. The only answer is new and properly controlled

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experiments.

I knew of Bartlett's reference to Einstein dowsing for pipes for a friend. wrote her abou the source but no reply yet. I also wrote Sevigny about the quote from Einstein they had in their program, but also no reply yet. (By the way, he quote from Einstein in the program was obviously meant to show that a real scientist was a supporter of dowsing, so a bid for scientific legtimacy.)

Keep in touch.

Best,

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for yours of Oct. 20.

I think that I understand your comments about the dowsers' convention. Your expectations did not mesh with reality. There is not a protoscientific wing that can compare with that of the astrology community. Even if such existed, it might not be found at such a convention. Does Gauquelin (sp?) attend meetings of say the American Federation of Astrologers? Even if Einstein is mentioned as having practiced dowsing, this is not really a scientific claim.

Of those active in ASD, probably Harvalik is about the only one that can be considered to have done much scientifically controlled, experimental research. Most of his work appears rather poor, but he has done a good study or two.

You say that the American Dowser claims a protoscientific stance. In actuality it doesn't because it does not really present research. The term "science" can be as loosely used as that of "parapsychology".

Even though most of the attendees could be called "True Believers", one is likely to encounter rather little dogmatism compared to groups in related areas.

I am rather surprised that you suggested that I write a review of the new edition of Vogt and Hyman's book for ZS. Actually I submitted an article to that journal three and a half years ago and I still have not seen it! There are several things I would be interested in publishing there.

Regarding the ganzfeld debate - You mentioned that two points of Ray's are being ignored. You say that the database does not contain one flaw free experiment. You fail to note that these "flaws" were assigned completely post hoc. Some of the "flaws" (e.g., MB, MG) cannot reasonably be called flaws. The lack of adjustment of signficance is the usual procedure in psychology. Certainly Honorton completely demonstrated that there is no question about statistical significance overall. The DOC "flaw" is also no flaw of experimental design, nor for that matter is the STAT flaw. I also think that there is no reason to be concerned about the R "flaw" with a small number of trials or where subjects contribute only one or two trials.

After that philosophy conference in Canada, Chuck mentioned that Hyman had been unwilling to specify exactly what would convince him of the reality of psi. (A rather wise rhetorical strategy on Hyman's part. One only need recall Hansel's praise for the Veritac experiments, even Schmidt's first work with RNGs was better controlled than the Veritac study).

You asked why Honorton has not run any flaw free ganzfeld experiment recently. Right now our focus is on determining characteristics that will allow others to replicate the work with a greater chance of success. This is the prime thrust of the PRL research program. I doubt whether more proof-oriented ganzfeld projects will be of much use--especially when the critics can assign post hoc flaws. I do not agree that "the only answer is new and properly controlled research" the past research has been properly controlled. What is needed is an understanding of the factors that affect successful replication.

Frankly, I do think that Hyman's errors in the factor analysis are quite severe. They raise serious questions about his competence.

Yesterday I was in New York and visited the PF. Among other things, I lobbied Lisette for a PF conference on magic (also made a suggestion for one on randomness).

While I was there, I came across "The Master Index to Magic in Print" (I only saw Vol 12) compiled by Jack Potter and published by Hades. It is quite an impressive piece of work. Vol. 12 had extensive listings of spiritualist effects.

Did you happen to see Howard Higgins' articles in the recent issues of Linking Ring? The second article mentioned a spontaneous case involving clairvoyance, Higgins seemed to accept it as genuine.

I did write to Ray about the Cottrell apparent psi missing. He still has not responded. Neither have Biederman nor Pomerantz. I think that I will write Kurtz next. Gardner did respond and essentially referred me to Randi.

Alianna Maren visited our lab several weeks ago. She works for Honeywell in Minneapolis. She had met you about a year and a half ago at that conference put on by ABC (NBC?, CBS?).

Other minor news-

Dean Radin is returning to Bell labs.

I suppose that you heard that Debbi Weiner will be president of the PA next year. The convention will be at Sonoma, CA.

I am still getting a fair amount of the local CSICOP material. The southern California group seems generally reasonable, but some of the others are real SOBs.

Best,

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Dear Marcello,

It was good talking to you. Thanks for the article on bizzare magic from the New Tops. It was a most interesting piece.

Princeton University library does not take the New Humanist. I also checked the listing for the major libraries in New Jersey and did not see it. I am most interested in seeing the piece on CSICOP by Wallis.

You apparently are right about subcontractors not yet getting their money from SRI. The word I got was that it is "a sure thing", but who knows?

Tom Tietze is visiting the lab. He will be speaking at the ASPR tomorrow.

Do you by chance have a modem and have any E-mail service? We have been using the Source rather frequently for it.

All the best,

George

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for the review of Mishlove's book. I had not seen it previously.

Enclosed are a couple clippings on Kreskin that you might find of interest.

Also enclosed is a clipping from *Laser* which is published by the Southern California Skeptics. Ted Rockwell reportedly checked with the AAAS and was told that the SCS had not applied for membership. Furthermore, he was reportedly told that there was no national meeting for San Diego in 1987. You might want to look into this a bit yourself.

All the best,

George

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24 Jun 85

Dr. Marcello Truzzi
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Dear Marcello,

Hope you are finishing some projects!

Last Friday, we had a visit from a Peter Degen (Box 425, Drew University, Madison, NJ 07940). He is a graduate student from Germany who is doing his dissertation on QM, parapsychology, and mysticism--viewing them from the standpoint of sociology of knowledge. I gave him a copy of your bib and rough draft of "Looking for the Cheshire Cat: Paraphysicists in Quantum Land".

Degen has already prepared an extensive bib (somewhat bigger than yours probably). He is also extremely bright and knowledgeable. To me he seemed much more typical of a full professor than of a grad student.

I have been refereeing papers for the PA. So far, I have recommended rejecting all but one (I have seen about ten). I am in the process of reviewing one which involves Tina Resch (Columbus poltergeist agent); it is quite interesting.

All the best,

George

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20 Mar 86

Dr. Marcello Truzzi
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Dear Marcello,

How have you been? Long time, no talk.

I will be going to the CSICOP convention in Boulder. Will you be there? A number of people in parapsychology are planning to attend. Should be fun.

Enlosed is a copy of the flyer I had mentioned. Please keep this quiet for now. I am planning to have it distributed at the conference. Heh, heh... Any comments or suggestions would be most welcome.

I will be giving a lecture to Archaeus in April. I am looking forward to it. I have been having a running debate with Dennis regarding the "end times". I don't see the evidence he thinks is obvious (he is not 100% serious about it himself).

Have you heard anything from Hovelmann recently? I had written to him several times but not had a reply.

Bob Jahn has three new people working for him. Where did he get the money?

Bob Morris is supposed to be in Syracuse for the month of July.

I heard a rumor that Martin Gardner died. I have not had confirmation of it though.

Last weekend I found a copy of "Secrets of the Card Sharps" by Gerard Majax. Have you seen it? It has a section on parapsychology and psychotronics!

Best,

George

George P. Hansen

P.S. what do you know about Kurtz's new group on religion?

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10 Apr 86

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for the clippings. Also thanks for the comments on my Skeptical Bibliography. I will make the change you suggested about the status of ZS; the word "hibernation" does seem appropriate.

I just got back from Minneapolis earlier this week. I spoke to the Archaeus group and stayed with Dennis Stillings. He certainly is an interesting guy and has a most unusual way of working, living, etc.

Stillings has written to Hovelmann. Should be interesting to see the outcome.

We have had no confirmation that Martin Gardner died. Have you heard anything either way? Chuck was concerned about the Skeptical Bibliography if Gardner actually had gone into survival research.

Best,

George

George P. Hansen

A SKEPTICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

Several comments in the Skeptical Inquirer have alluded to criticisms of the Committee (e.g., Spring 1984, p.203). Surprisingly, there has been rather little discussion of what these might be. Indeed, even the "Articles of Note" section of SI has been largely devoid of mention of such articles. Thus the readers of SI might find the following list of special interest.

Some of the references (notably Pinch and Collins) might give the reader some insight into CSICOP's policy of not conducting research itself (see SI, Spring 1982, p. 9). The interested student may wish to examine these articles and form his own conclusion about the agenda of the CSICOP executive committee.

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Rao, K. R. Review of Test Your ESP Potential: A Complete Kit with Instructions, Scorecards, and Apparatus by James Randi. Journal of Parapsychology, 1984, 48, 356-358. A critique of a work by CSICOP's most active researcher. It is reported that Randi made basic recording errors and statistical mistakes (among others). The text of the manual itself is only four pages which allows an easy comparison with the review (highly recommended).

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Wallis, R. The origins of CSICOP. New Humanist, Summmer 1985, pp. 14-15. Further explanation of why CSICOP does not conduct research itself

Wilson, R. A. The persecution and assassination of the parapsychologists as performed by the inmates of the American Assocation for the Advancement of Science under the direction of the Amazing Randi in Right Where you are Standing Now. Pp. 67-88. Berkeley, CA: And/Or Press, 1982. The views of a well known science fiction writer (and former writer for Playboy).

Zetetic Scholar, Nos. 9, 10, 11. 1982-83. This is a very limited circulation periodical which is now seemingly defunct (back issues might be available from Department of Sociology, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 48197). These issues give extensive coverage to the Mars effect affair. It is interesting to note that none of the executive committee has responded to some rather serious charges. It is also notable that a number of CSICOP members resigned from the Committee over this.

QUIZ:

1. What do the following people have in common?
Martin Gardner, Dennis Rawlins, Kendrick Frazier, James Oberg, Robert Sheaffer, L. Sprague de Camp, Philip Klass, Larry Kusche, Gordon Stein, Joe Nickell

2. Who wrote the following?
It is possible that paranormal forces not yet established may allow prayers to influence the material world, and I certainly am not saying this possibility should be ruled out.....As for empirical tests of the power of God to answer prayer, I am among those theists who, in the spirit of Jesus' remark that only the faithless look for signs, consider such tests both futile and blasphemous....Let us not tempt God.

1. All are Fellows or Consultants of CSICOP, and all have contributed articles to what Martin Gardner calls that "tawdry occult pulp magazine," Fate. Might it be possible that Fate may be more open to contrary points of view than is The Skeptical Inquirer??

2. Martin Gardner in The Whys of a Philosophical Scrivener. New York: Quill 1983. Page 239.

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Dear Marcello,

Hope things are going well. How is teaching?

Enclosed is a piece from Scientific American that you may have already seen.

Also included is a piece from the JASPR with letters from Robert-Houdin regarding Alexis Didier. I didn't notice them specifically cited in your piece on magic.

I assume that you have seen Child's piece in the November issue of the American Psychologist. This should put some heat on the CSICOPers (I hope).

Best,

George P. Hansen

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30 Apr 86

Dr. Marcello Truzzi
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Dear Marcello,

Enclosed is a copy of the bibliography I distributed at the CSICOP conference. The conference was too short for me to get into any good fights.

Sorry you were not there. Helmut did a good job. A reporter from Discover magazine described Sue Blackmore's presentation as something like a confession at an AA meeting (an appropriate characterization).

Sarah Thomason did a very nice critique of Stevenson's work on xenoglossy. Unfortunately it will probably be published in the Skeptical Inquirer.

Ray said that he may visit Princeton in June.

All the best,

George

George

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14 Aug 86

Dr. Marcello Truzzi
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Dear Marcello,

It was good seeing you in California. I think that the convention went well.

Thanks for selling Chuck on sending me to Chicago. I have sent my reservation in. Looking forward to the Invocational.

Enclosed is the piece on psychic warfare. Stillings has had some contact with Wallach and has some of his unpublished material.

Currently I am thinking of writing a critique of the three papers presented at the PA convention that involved tricksters.

Bob Morris has prepared an article for EJP on issues concerning fraud. I have not yet seen it, but he told me that he was going to send me a copy soon.

Some of the displacement effect work looks like it has a serious artifact. I have been doing some simulations which indicate some problems.

Best,

George P. Hansen

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24 Aug 86

Dr. Marcello Truzzi
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Dear Marcello:

Enclosed are copies of newsletters from the Northwest and Colorado groups. I'll send some of the others when I get some more time to make some copies.

Last week we got a copy of Rosenthal's comments on the ganzfeld debate (for publication in JP, about 30 pages). We are quite pleased with what he said. My interpretation is that Chuck won. Have you heard anything from Hyman regarding this? It is possible that Ray could interpret Rosenthal's comments either positively or negatively.

Best,

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30 Aug 86

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for sending the copies of Basis and the info on Newman. I am interested in seeing all issues of Basis.

Enclosed are copies of the issues of Laser that I have. In the most recent you might note their announcement of affiliation with AAAS.

Also enclosed are copies of the newsletters from the New York group as well as the piece on investigating faith healers (this was passed out at the convention in Boulder).

The Xerox reductions are just fine for me. Most of the enclosed material is also reduced.

Best,

George

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18 May 85

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Dear Marcello:

I really enjoyed the piece on paraphysics. You have been busy!!

I don't have any major changes to suggest, and I didn't notice any errors of fact (but I am not competent to comment on QM). Did you have any contact with Saul Paul Sirag? My impression was that he was also involved with the Fundemental Fysiks Group. I don't remember whether you mentioned Ron Hawke or Eldon Byrd (am not sure whether they merit mention).

You might consider briefly alluding to Sheldrake (if you didn't). Although he is not a physicist, he has been influenced by Eastern mysticism and his notions would seem to have some similarities to your topic.

Harvalik has taught physics (at the University of Arkansas as I recall) and has also be a consultant to the Defense Dept. I doubt whether he is worth mentioning in the article, but if you want to add to your bib, you might want to include his stuff.

Several engineers have published in the last 10 years. Some of these include John Hartwell, Jim Davis, and Bill Joines (in RIP, JP, EJP) (all EE's at Duke at one time or another). Jim Kennedy had a degree in either physics or engineering as I recall.

If you are interested in earlier references, Crawford was a mechanical engineer and Warcollier a chemical engineer (check Biographical Dictionary to be sure).

Youv'e sent me two previous versions of your bib, of course I would like an updated copy if you have one. If you need help in getting any references from obscure parapsychological sources do let me know.

Last weekend I found a copy of Thurston's *The Church and Spiritualism*. He has a number of effective replys to Podmore.

All the best,

George P. Hansen

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3/28/85

Dear George,

Thought you might like to have a copy of the enclosed bib I put together as an off-shoot of my work on my paraphysics paper for OMNI. Given my investment of time and effort, I think I will probably do something more serious on the subject in the future.

Thanks for calling my attention to McGill's remarks on psychic surgery. For the most part, I don't think magicians have even seen the McGill-Ormond book. Conjurors tend to read only tricks books.

Good luck re the Giovetti business. No, I would not bring it to Gardner's attention even if deserves something like that.

No, I have not forgotten about ZS... Just still swamped. I really took on more than I can handle. but there is light at the end of the tunnel...

Best,

Marcello

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23 Sep 86

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for the note about the book by Hogan. I mentioned it to Chuck; he happens to be reading another book by the same author right now. He hadn't read any of his other stuff however. I will probably wait until Chuck gets the book (I almost never read fiction).

I spoke with Charles Warren yesterday. He mentioned that Norman Don is planning to attend the Invocational. Olof Jonsson might also be there. Should be interesting.

Have you heard about the Masked Magician? Do you think that it might be Randi? He seems to me to be a likely candidate.

I assume that you get Skeptical Briefs from CSICOP because you subscribe to BASIS. If you don't, let me know and I'll copy them for you.

Yesterday I got a call from a Garith Pendragon in Hawaii. He is trying to teach a course on parapsychology (from our brief talk, it seemed like a reasonable course). Some of the local CSICOP types are trying to shut it down. You might hear more about this.

I talked with Kanthamani today. Virtually all her's and Crandall's findings on displacement seems to be a statistical artifact.

Christopher Scott submitted a comment on the ganzfeld debate. He said that Chuck won on points but went on to say that he wasn't convinced. I have not yet seen his piece but only heard about it second hand.

The "Joint Communique" of Chuck and Ray seems to be coming along a bit better than I expected. Still, there are some points that need to be resolved.

Best,

George P. Hansen

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09 Oct 86

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Dear Marcello,

Many thanks for recommending to Chuck that he send me to the Invocational. It was a fabulous convention.

My impression is that Norman Don was just very busy Sunday and wasn't able to get out with Olof to meet with you and Max. I doubt whether Olof had anything to do with the lack of a meeting.

I spent Sunday evening and all Monday meeting with Norman Don. I also had a chance to meet with Olof, Charles Warren and Peter Phillips, but for briefer periods. It is my impression that they are currently trying to decide what further directions they should go with work with Olof.

I observed quite a lot of informal experiments with Olof. They were completely uncontrolled. Because they do not have a specific experimental protocol they are currently working on, I strongly recommended that they do *not* try to consult with magicians right now. If they showed magicians the informal tests, it would create an extremely bad impression.

My impression is that Warren and Don had personally regarded their informal work as rather strong. They asked for suggestions on it. I think that I was able to convince them of the current problems with it.

I believe that it would be extremely useful for Warren and Don to take a short course on close up (particularly card magic). After that, they would be in a much better position to consult with experts (a few weeks at the FRNM summer study program would be of considerable help too).

Skeptical Briefs is the newsletter sent out from CSICOP to people who subscribe to local affiliates' newsletters. If you don't have the back issues, I'll copy them and send them on to you.

Best,

George

George P. Hansen

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20 Oct 86

Dr. Marcello Truzzi
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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for the letter of 10/15/86.

The results of the two runs with Olof were at chance. The first run was 5 of 25; the second 6 of 25. I prepared a detailed report of my testing procedure before we checked the results.

You suggested that if Norman Don took a class in close up magic it might increase his arrogance. That is a possibility, but I doubt it. My interactions with him seemed to be very good. Both he and Charles Warren seemed completely non-defensive about their work and I saw no indication of arrogance whatever.

I did send Norman a copy of my experimental write-up of my test with Olof. I think that this should give him some idea of the types of controls that he might consider. I also sent him a copy of my macro-PK methodology paper as well as a copy of my critique of Cox's work. Both of these may be useful if he decides to study the "dematerialization" phenomena.

Eugene Burger's book is quite good. I do wish that he had consulted better sources on some of his historical material though.

Hiroshi Motoyama is not too well regarded. There was a book of his reviewed in either the JP or JAPSR about 3 to 5 years ago
JP ← (I think by Stokes). Norman Don has met Motoyama. Norman told
1980 me that Motoyama is also a religous leader and has quite a
p 274 following. I think that someplace out west prints his journal. Ed Kelly may have looked into some of Motoyama's work. There are not many people in parapsychology that are heavy into psychophysiology so I'm not sure who else would know much about Motoyama.

Max Maven is supposed to be performing in New York around Halloween. I hope to be able to take in his show.

Will send you back issues of Skeptical Briefs. [these might be enclosed if I can get to it tomorrow]

I talked with Sandy Kross this afternoon. He will be coming by to visit on Thursday.

Tony Chaudhuri mentioned that he may be coming to New Jersey later this year. His brother apparently live only two or three miles from me. I sent Tony some info on our lab, do encourage {this is where you called} him to stop by and see me. Does he own his own company?

Best,

George

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05 Nov 86

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Dear Marcello:

Thanks for sending the BASIS material. Dean Radin has suggested that I do something for SSE on the growth the the local CSICOP chapters. He has to get approval though.

Thanks also for Maven's report on psychic surgery. It was an impressive piece. It really should be published along with something by Singer. Do you know of any plans for it?

I hope that the Eysenck piece on Randi is published in a prominent periodical.

Best,

George

George P. Hansen

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01 Jun 86

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Dear Gerd,

Thank you for your letter of May 20, 1986 and the further clarification of incidents regarding your article.

I now surmise the following:

1) You cited the claims of Shaw and Edwards regarding the Minneapolis work.

2) You were fully aware that such reports may not be true.

3) You provided no caveat regarding the unreliability of that report.

4) You were aware of a paper that reported that Dr. Schmitt was in charge of the protocol.

5) You had no report prepared by Dr. Schmitt concerning the experiments and you did not contact him.

6) You consciously and deliberately cited the word of Shaw and Edwards without caveat--impugning the credibility of Dr. Schmitt.

If the above six points are correct and I am not omitting some important factor, I must agree with you--the term "professional irresponsibility" is indeed inappropriate.

Sincerely,

George P. Hansen

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Marcello Truzzi ✓
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from Science & the Paranormal
edited by Abell & Singer

sitting in a laboratory room at SRI. But we are surprised to discover the following in Wilhelm's account:

> On some tests conducted in his motel room, Geller shook the dice himself. Questioned as to whether this might be a breach in test protocol since he might have been able to control the roll of the dice, Puthoff replies that Geller shook the box vigorously enough to ensure an honest shake. "It's very clear," adds Targ. "He's like a kid in that he had something that made a lot of noise and he just shook and shook it. I probably terminated it by saying 'That's enough.' " Why was he allowed to shake the dice part of the time? "We just wanted to see what it was he would do."[42]

We also learn that Geller sometimes placed his hands upon the box when trying to divine the uppermost face.

All of this strongly suggests that not only have the authors failed to provide a scientific account, but that they have provided a grossly inadequate and misleading description.

I suspect that the above simple criteria will suffice to screen out just about all accounts in which scientists endorse psychics. It is a sobering thought to realize that not a single report of this sort over a period of 125 years has managed to stand up to scientific scrutiny. When I have discussed the cases of Hare, Wallace, Crookes, and Zoellner before public audiences, some physicists in the audience tell me that such faulty reports could not occur today because natural sciences have come a long way in that time and we know much more. The sad fact, however, is that the reports on Uri Geller, Ted Serios, and other contemporary psychics by trained scientists show no improvement in scientific sophistication over those of their predecessors of more than a century ago. Indeed, the reports of Crookes on his experiments with Daniel Home, despite all their defects, are far superior as scientific evidence to anything that has been published subsequently in support of the claims of a psychic.

I have no quarrel with any scientist who wants to investigate the claims of an alleged psychic. Indeed, the willingness of such men to risk their reputation and to face ridicule is probably a good thing for the growth of science in the long run. What seems to be lacking is a recognition on the part of such scientists of what it will take to put such an investigation onto a scientific footing. Standardized procedures, instrumentation, variables, controls, concepts, data analyses, and other necessities of scientific inquiry will have to be developed, tested, debugged, and validated from scratch. This will not be easy and probably cannot be done by one or two men working alone. But until such groundwork is laid, scientists who wish to challenge the establishment should not be surprised that their claims are dismissed summarily. To ask their colleagues to take time to consider their reported miracles at the current level of documentation is to ask them to abandon the very thing that has made science into the powerful intellectual tool it is.

The indicated passage is untrue & Hyman was fully aware of it at the time.

This is clear duplicity.

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06 May 86

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Dear Gerd:

Thank you for the copy of your letter to Dennis Stillings of April 26, 1986. On page 5, you mentioned the "accusation" of professional irresponsibility. I used the term "professional irresponsiblity" in a letter to you of 07 Feb 86. The appropriate paragraph read:

> Reportedly, you accepted, without checking, a story of Shaw and Edwards regarding the Minneapolis work. If this is true, of course, it would indicate professional irresponsibility on your part. It might be a good idea to do an English translation of the piece.

From your letter, I surmise that you did indeed rely on the descriptions of Shaw, Edwards, and Randi regarding the Minneapolis work. I also surmise that you did not verify their claims. If so, you were clearly professionally irresponsible.

Sincerely,

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07 Jan 87

Dr. Marcello Truzzi
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Dear Marcello,

Hope your holiday season went well. I saw six magic shows during my vacation, including both Blackstone and Copperfield. Did you see Blackstone at the Orange bowl? What a mess!

Enclosed are a number of items that might be of interest.

Stillings sent me a notice of a conference in which Richards, Nuzum, and Sugleris will all be presenting! Of course, Uphoff is involved.

As you have probably heard, McDonnell is withdrawing our funding. We have about a year and a half left. The foundation was just reorganized with new administration.

Will you be attending the Invitational?

Best,

George P. Hansen

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3/20/87

Dear George.,

Enclosed is a copy of the guidebook for the "affiliates." Also an old copy of the by-laws perhaps since amended. Note that the Board of Directors and not the Executive Council actually runs CSICOP.

Randi is being investigated by a private investigator who says he is working for an evangelists group. They are not going after just Randi but also CSICOP. He says things will pop in ten days. I know he has just about everything on Randi and has visited nearly everyone (except me and I am told he plans to contact me next week). They have so much money behind them that they could rather easily ruin CSICOP via the court system, and I think that is what they plan to do.

Also, Plummer has threatened to sue Geller's US publisher. That could prove especially interesting if it actually happens. Probably would be the best thing that ever happened to Geller. He would win since what he says of CSICOP is true and then would claim he won against his critics as though that validated his powers. Since his critics would make much noise about Geller being a charlatan, when he won it would look like he defeated those claims rather than the actual legal issue (his claims about CSCIOP).

Anyway, here's the stuff promised you.

Best,

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16 Apr 87

Dr. Marcello Truzzi
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Dear Marcello,

I am getting ready to finalize a version of my CSICOP paper for the PA. There are a few things that would be of help.

The copy of the bylaws you sent are missing pages 5 and 6. Do you have them?

Have you received anything from Endacott yet?

Will ZS be publishing Thalbourne's paper on Project Alpha? I don't know where he had submitted it. I had heard at one time that it might appear in JASPR.

I spoke with Dennis Rawlins yesterday. He has promised to send me some interesting material.

So far, I have not been able to get a copy of the "official" version of the guidebook for local groups. I certainly would like to be able to cite it.

I reread my letter from Hovelmann. He said that Kurtz had asked him to be a consultant for a German group. I assume that this would not give him membership to CSICOP.

Currently I'm keeping a list of references that I come across that are pertinent to your paper on magic. Do let me know when you get started back on that.

Best,

George

George P. Hansen

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4/22/87

Dear George,

Enclosed are the missing pages (5/6) as requested.

No, ZS will not be publishing Thalbourne's paper on Alpha. Don't know what he did with it last but I vaguely remember that it was published in some Washingon U. publication.

The guidebook I sent you is "official" but just not the finalized version. You can cite it as long as you indicate its status. However, if I were you, I'd write to CSICOP, tell them you are doing an article on the allied local groups, that you have the preliminary guidebook but would like (a) the finalized version, and (b) any other information they might send you about these local groups and their history. And, of course, don't use the PRL address.

I did get a second letter from Endacott with perhaps more to follow. Will let you know.

Please do send the references you have for me re the magic paper since I should like to get started obtaining any such items.

Have not yet heard from Gerd since the LA CSICOP gathering. Very surprising since I expected a call from him before he returned to Germany.

Best,

Marcello

Marcello Truzzi

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24 Apr 87

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for the *Basis* and the By Laws material. I wonder if the next issue of *Basis* will cover Loyd Auerbach's talk.

I spoke with Scott Hubbard this week. It sounds like SRI is seriously interested in consulting with magicians. I gave him my thoughts on the matter and also suggested that he chat with you.

Right now my list of references for additions to your magic paper are in brief notes to myself and would need some elaboration. I think that you actually have nearly all the sources (books and articles) (e.g., Jack Salvin worked with Soal and Bowden, Thouless's books mention Marion).

I also have not heard from Gerd and find it a bit worrisome that you haven't either.

I still have not received my Spring issue of *SI*.

The Sacramento Skeptics newsletter said that fewer than 100 people attended the Geller-Psychic Guide symposium in NY.

Best,

George

George P. Hansen

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14 Apr 87

Dr. Marcello Truzzi
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Dear Marcello,

It was good seeing you again. Many thanks for your comments on my manuscript.

Enclosed are (all?) the copies of materials we discussed. Let me know what other stuff you would like.

Also enclosed is a button that might be fun, if not completely appropriate.

You are quoted near the end of the U.S. News piece.

Page 94 of the Feb. 87 Linking Ring has a picture of Richard Busch, head of the Paranormal Investigating Committee of Pittsburgh.

You might also talk with Thelma Clark in Pittsburgh if McConnell can't get a copy of the Geller program.

If you want any of those books you saw in New York, do let me know. I will probably be making a trip there soon.

Are you sure Targ and Puthoff got taken in by the blindfold drive? I don't have Mindreach; but I would be surprised if it was in there. If it is, I would like to cite it in my paper on fraud.

Best,

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May 6, 1987

Dear George,

You asked about the blindfold drive by Geller reference in Mind Reach. It is even in the index. I enclose a xerox of the relevant page.

Actually, I have something even more relevant in my files that I want to save for my own article (though there is a remote chance I may have sent it to you long ago). I now expect to have a section on Geller and Randi in my Krippner piece. In checking my files, I found an alleged interview with one of Geller's early Israeli paratrooper buddies where Geller is described as first doing card tricks and standard mentalism, learning to do the blindfold drive in a jeep, etc. (I gues Geller went from being a paratrooper to being a para-trooper!) Amazing Randi amazingly seems to have missed this article. I am now contemplating whether or not to send Uri a copy of this old interview for his reactions to it. I probably will wait until I visit with him to confront him with this very damaging piece.

As I look back through my Geller files, I think I have found stuff long out that is discrediting but seems to have been overlooked. Even the Colin Wilson book on Uri inadvertently reveals much that may be embarrassing in retrospect.

I enclose a gift copy I made for you of the excellent cold reading tape by Webster. Think you'll enjoy it.

Your rewrite of your piece for the PA looks terrific. Wish I had your printer. Re its contents, a major missing reference is Brian Inglis's The Hidden Power, the last part of which is a very good attack on CSICOP. He also calls it the New Inquisition there. And, of course, you need to read Robert Anton Wilson and probably should include the attack of Playfair in the Geller & Playfair book. (I still have not had time to carefully go over your rewrite to give you proper comments on it.)

Best,

Marcello

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13 Sep 87

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Dear Marcello,

Could you please send me the citation (as for an APA publication) for the *CIA Flaps and Seals Manual*. My copy is in storage.

A postcard is enclosed.

Best,

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for sending the articles from *International Mining* and *Military Intelligence*.

I'll be sending you some more articles on magic and psi in a few days. I have been doing a bit more work on my subject fraud paper recently.

Bud Vestermark visited last week. He seems like a very interesting guy.

John Palmer tells me that he has 250 pages of comments to reply to for the BBS piece.

Best,

George

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Dear Marcello,

Last week I went down to Durham for the banquet meeting.

At the banquet, I spoke with Seymour Mauskopf. He mentioned that he had a copy of a dissertation which discussed (among other things) the role of magicians in psychical research. You might want to write him to get the reference.

Mauskopf also mentioned that he had been thinking about the status of parapsychology in relation to other areas of science. I mentioned that you had been reformulating your ideas along those lines and he expressed an interest in that.

Best,

George

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02 Feb 88

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Dear Marcello,

It was good seeing you again. Hope your trip back to Michigan went well.

Many thanks for spending the time going over the paper with me. You've given me some important alternate viewpoints.

Could you please send me the address of Robert Anton Wilson?

All the best,

George

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p.s. Also could you tell me in which article you suggested that interest in the occult was not regressive but was actually progressive in overthrowing religous taboos?

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15 Mar 88

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Dear Marcello,

While I was living in Ann Arbor (March - September, 1983) I recall you telling me that you had corresponded with Beloff regarding the investigation with Tim.

As I remember it, you warned Beloff about potential duplicity by Randi (perhaps Randi would fake tampering on one of the test items, thus framing the subject).

I am having running correspondence with Beloff regarding my paper on deception. One of the points of contention is the work with Tim. I did not mention your name to Beloff in conjunction with this. I only mentioned that I understood that he had been warned about the matter.

Is it possible for you to check your correspondence on this?

By the way, Philip Singer will probably be presenting at the PA regarding the psychic surgery investigation (in which Maven was involved).

All the best,

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31 Mar 88

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Dear Marcello,

Many thanks for sending copies of the Beloff correspondence. Beloff and I have been debating the role of Randi in the Tim affair. The correspondence copies should help clarify matters.

Did I mention that Philip Singer is planning to present a film on the psychic surgery investigation he conducted? I recommended you as a discussant.

I recently saw Mishlove's *Psi Development Systems* out in paperback.

Have you heard anything from Hovelmann? I sent him a copy of my paper on deception several months ago and have heard nothing from him.

Last Saturday Dennis and I attended a Fortean meeting in NYC. Ben Robinson (author of *Twelve Have Died*) was there and did a bit of magic. Robinson is a friend of Keel.

You may have heard that Warren and Don have been working with Susie Cottrell. They plan to submit a paper on it for the PA. It might be worth trying to find old video tapes of her performance on Carson. I may write Max Maven about it. You might want to keep your ears open about Cottrell.

Best,

George

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07 Apr 88

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Dear Marcello,

Thanks for the copy of "Sources for Books, Publications, and Equipment Relevant to Anomalistics and Related Topics." It contained several sources that I was not aware of.

I am not clear as to the intention of the list. Is it intended primarily for a sociologist of the weird?

You seem to be mixing creidible sources with those that are rather nutsy. This obscures the purpose. Maybe you should title it something like "Sources for Weird."

You list PSI, BSRF, and William L. Moore etc which produce periodicals. However you don't list ASPR, FRNM, PF, or ARE which all sell books as well as publishing a newsletter, journal or magazine.

You might consider including the Magickal Childe, Dover, Scarecrow and McFarland. Maybe Subgenius should be mentioned (I am not much familiar with them).

Best,

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22 Mar 88

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Dear Marcello,

Many thanks for the Australian clipping about the Carlos-Randi thing. I hope that we hear more about it. Have you heard anything from Harvey Irwin about the matter? I wonder if any of the Australian skeptics might have been involved. They did that thing with Steiner-Terbot a few years ago.

A few weeks ago I came across a book titled "The Philosophy of Magic" by Arthur Versluis (Boston: Arkana, 1986). It mentioned that the author lived in Ann Arbor.

Shigeki Hagio just finished his stay in Durham. This week he is to be in U.K. and will go see Beloff and Morris, among others. He is a serious researcher and might be a useful contact. I'll encourage him to get some of the back issues of *ZS*. His address is: Kagoshima Keizai University, 891-01:Shimofukumoto-Cho 8850, Kagoshima-Shi, Japan.

Best,

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17 Apr 88

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Dear Marcello,

Enclosed is a newsletter from the New York skeptics' group. As you can see on the first page, Randi's Australian thing is mentioned.

Randi called me this morning. He said that he would send me the Cottrell tapes when he had a chance to find them. His new address is: 12000 N.W. 8th Street, Plantation, FL 33325-1406. Telephone: (305) 370-1128.

I have been reading Pearl Birsell's thesis. In it she mentioned Dr. Steven Tigner of *The Journal of Magic History* of Toledo, OH. Do you know anything about that?

Best,

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02 May 88

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Dear Marcello,

I recently had a letter from Jule Eisenbud. He mentioned that a magician, Lee Wayne Phillips, had written him a letter some years ago. The letter stated that he was completely satisfied that no trickery of any kind was involved in the Serios session he witnessed in May 1963. Phillips was from Chicago and had taught magic in the Chicago "Ys".

Do you know anything about Phillips? Do you have a phone number for Charlie Reynolds? Perhaps he would know something.

I would like to thank you for your comments on my deception paper. Would you mind if I mentioned your help in a footnote?

I've not heard a thing from Hovelmann in a long time. How about yourself?

All the best,

George

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04 Sep 87

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Dear Marcello,

ZS looks good! I spend several evenings reading it even though I probably should have been doing other things.

If you talked to Ray Hyman, did he say anything about my paper on CSICOP?

With regard to a conversation we had at the convention--I had seen an earlier version of your Alpha paper. I am reasonably sure that I had not seen the published version until now. Nice job. (In the future, if you mention Hall's book on Edmund Gurney, you might also want to mention Fraser Nicol's review [IJP, 1966, p. 5 - 59]).

Enclosed is the first page of Steiner's article (I didn't happen to copy the other pages; I should have, I now realize.).

Best,

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07 Mar 89

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Dear Marcello,

Enclosed is a list of questions I sent to Bob Couttie regarding his book. He has not given me a response.

Best,

George

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Questions regarding *Forbidden Knowledge* by Bob Couttie

01 December 1988

Page 2 - You assert that Inglis suppressed evidence regarding Eva C. Yet you yourself mention Blackburn's statements without any acknowledgement of Simth's denial. Why??

Page 6 - You claim that Dickson has given a different account of what happened with the Zorka investigation. You give no reference. Why? The published report was printed with Dickson's permission. Why did you not mention this?

Page 11 - You give an eyewitness account of Geller's metal bending. In many other cases you comment on the unreliability of such testimony. You did not do so here. Why?

Page 14 - You mention Randi's criticisms of the SRI experiments but do not mention the response of Targ and Puthoff. Why?

Page 27 - You claim that most of Home's phenomena were observed only by Crookes. I challenge you to demonstrate this by examining written accounts of Crookes and others. Why did you cite the second-hand source (Sladek)?

Page 28 - You claim that Home never operated in full light. What is the basis of this claim? [Note: the page numbers given in reference 20 are incorrect]

Page 37 (bottom) - You make a probability calculation. You assumed that for each person listed named Rogers or Rodgers, there were two other people living with them. Why did you not make the same assumption for the people on the other 711 pages?

Page 57 (bottom) - You mention a study by Nick Humphrey. Could you give me a reference for the study?

Page 59 - You mentioned a case in which a magician produced scrunches inside one of Hasted's spheres. You claim "Hasted ignored it." Hasted has published accounts of a similar (or perhaps the same) event. You did not acknowledge this. Why?

Page 66 - You present results of a TV program astrology test, in a seemingly favorable manner. Yet you provide no comments on the methodological or statistical problems. Why?

Page 66 - You claim to have tested newspapers horoscopes but provide no statistical analysis. Yet you criticize a newspaper (page 48) for not presenting statistics. Why?

Page 70 - You claim that a quarter pound licorice allsorts, at arm's length, has more gravitational pull than the moon. My preliminary calculations indicate that you are entirely wrong on this. I would like to see any calculations that support your claim.

Page 90 - You seem to cite approvingly the statement on dowsing alleging there is an "almost total absence of carefully described experimental or survey work, and results expressed in any quantitative form." Yet you fail to cite a number of quantitative studies of dowsing. Why?

Page 95 - You claim Rhine's results died away. You provided no basis for this claim. The *Journal of Parapsychology* has been published for over 50 years and continues to report very positive findings. You do not mention this. Why?

Page 97 & 98 - You discuss the potential problem of many experimenters with only a few getting positive results (just due to chance fluctuation). This issue has been extensively addressed [often referred to as the filedrawer problem] in the parapsychological literature. This has clearly shown the issue to be a nonserious problem for cumulation. Even Hyman ackowledged that. You failed to mention this. Why?

Page 98 - You mention an allegation that Richet helped Eva C. cheat. What is the basis of that allegation? What is the supporting evidence?

Page 101 - You give a paragraph to Hyman's comments on the ganzfeld yet only half a sentence to Honorton's rebuttal. Hyman's factor analysis of flaws was shown to be entirely meaningless by Saunders. Utts has shown Hyman's analysis of short and long studies to have serious problems. You did not mention these but only cited Hyman approvingly. Why?

Page 103 - You cite (the popular) *New Frontiers of the Mind* and assert that "It is one of the few trials (sic) with Linzmayer in which any inkling of the test conditions is given." You failed to cite the more technical Extra-Sensory Perception. Why?

Page 104 - You claim that exploratory data analysis is an invalid procedure. This however is done in all the sciences. Why do you make such a claim?

Page 104 - You claim that Soal's work "is still highly regarded by the less intellectually honest". Who do you have in mind?

Page 105 - You claim that "replication is so difficult and rare". Honorton, May and Braud have all published quantitative summaries of a number of lines of work showing this not to be the case. You did not mention this. Why?

Page 114 - You claim that Blackmore and others have shown that skeptics are more rational than believers. You make no mention of the methodological problems with the research. Why?

Page 130 (near top) - Are you implying Murray may have been guilty of fraud? Your statements are not clear to me on this point.

Page 138 - What reference do you have for the exposure of Archie Roy?

Page 145 - You claim that "parapsychologists today are still by and large doing the same experiments that Myers, Gurney and others were carrying out a century ago." Your book cites virtually no experimental reports from refereed parapsychology journals. Why? How many experiments did Myers and Gurney do with random number generators, allobiofeedback, retro-PK, checker effects, Brazilian shaman, psi missing, EEGs, biofeedback gating, or psi in plants?

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Dear Marcello:

Are you familiar with *The Death and Ressurection Show* by Rogan Taylor? If so, what is your opinion of it? I've only glanced at it, but it appears to be a most important work regarding conjuring.

This past weekend I attended the Fortfest in the Washington D.C. area. Loren Coleman spoke on Tom Slick, a very good talk. His book is out now.

While in Washington I visited the library of congress and found *Secrets of Famous Illusionists* by Will Goldston. He states that he was a Spiritualist and witnessed several table levitations and engaged in automatic writing.

Are you familiar with *It Takes All Kinds* by Maurice Zolotow? The book contains a biographical chapter on Dunninger. I think you would find it of interest.

There is an article in preparation exposing Doc Shiels' Loch Ness hoax.

Did you get to the conference on magic history?

I'll try to get to a Xeorx machine in the next few days and make a copy of my paper for *ZS*.

With best regards,

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13 Feb 90

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Dear Marcello,

Do you know of any direct statements by Doug Henning in favor of paranormal phenomena?

Do you have an address for John Booth?

Enclosed is a postcard for a quick reply.

Best,

George

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